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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. L. C. Walker.

1886, Jany 2d – To Mrs. M. M. Lyon Sterling, Ills.

I congratulate you upon the fact that as a presbytery you have so nearly raised your assessment for the debt. Reports are most encouraging and our hearts are longingly turning to the new work being cast upon us. Can we trust to the women of the Presbyterian Church to sustain the work already in hand and to respond efficiently to the cries for help from so many new directions? Never before have appeals come from our workers among the Indians, yes, even the Indians themselves, as at this present time. How dare we turn a deaf ear to these cries? Here in New York, we would not if the state of our treasury would permit us to take it up.

1886, Jany 2d, To – Rev. Charles Townsend, Lansingburgh, N. Y.

We would like to interest your pupils in our school for Mexicans, at Santa Fé, New Mexico, under the charge of Miss Matilda L. Atteson, who is doing a faithful work that enlisted my sympathies greatly when I visited her there last year. From personal observation I can speak strongly regarding her self-denial and devotion to the work.

1886, Jany 2d – To – Mrs J. E. Haughawout, Waterloo, Penna.

I am sorry you failed to receive the leaflets you desired. Our dear Mrs. Haines has been obliged to leave much of her work for others; has been absent weeks at a time from the office from illness; due we feel, to the vast amount of work she has carried on with so little assistance. By reason of this a great burden was thrown upon Miss Dyer, the result of that possibly can be seen in the fact that Miss Dyer has been obliged to give up her work here on account of ill health.

You may not know that our removal last spring from 23 Center Street to this office, 280 Broadway, was accomplished last May.

1886, Jany 2d – To – Mrs. W. L. Weart, Stroudsburg, New Jersey.

By referring to the Presbyterian Home Missionary, October 1885, you will be interested, I am certain in the account of the death of our beloved President, Mrs. Ashbel Green. Her name will stand at the head of our list of officers until the close of this fiscal year. We feel the loss keenly but are grateful that her place can be filled so efficiently by our First Vice-President, Mrs. Darwin R. James.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. C. E. Walker—

1886, Janʸ 4th - To - Mrs Darwin R. James, Washington, D.C.
I have the charge of all correspondence with societies, or the assigning of all objects, teachers and scholarships.
I can send good news to you. Home Mission receipts for December in round numbers are $76,000.— This is $13,000.— better than December last year, including debt receipts. Our debt is now about $9000,=
Our dear Mrs. Haines was here for a time today, sent her love to you, and desired me to say that nothing very important is before us for the meeting tomorrow. Therefore, much as we miss you, we cannot telegraph you to come.

1886, Janʸ 5th - To - Mrs. Thos. McCauley, Chester, Penna.
We hear from Mrs. Bryan occasionally and know the good work goes on nobly in Pennsylvania. But what can we do to increase our funds more rapidly? I do wish you could be here for just a few days to listen to these appeals for help in every direction on our field at present. In all my acquaintance with the work I have never seen the like. The cries for help grow more important, and if possible, more important day by day. We do not know which way to turn, and can only say: "No, No!" first to one, then to another, because we lack the money to carry on the work; and such precious time is lost meanwhile. Do you find any new way to arouse interest, or bring information before our Christian women? If so, tell me, and I will try them.

1886, Janʸ 6th - To - Mrs. H. D. Gregory, Girard College, Philadelphia, Penna.
We can report progress toward the school among the Papagoes. The Pimas are so closely joined with them it is important to place the building where both tribes can have the advantage of it. Dr. Hart has done excellent preparatory work among the Papagoes, gaining their full confidence, and desire for further advantages. Full directions have been sent to Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., to go to Arizona with power to locate and build. He has been ill and could not go before. The Philadelphia money will be sent on to him as required. Later, we may want Philadelphia to furnish this building and to pay the salaries needed, but at present no more money is called for.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. L. E. Walker,

1886, Jany 5th, To — Miss L. Barlow, Antonito, Colorado.

Your eyes will surely be gladdened and your heart cheered when you receive this letter. Enclosed find draft for $250.— for your January payment. This money is the private loan of a good friend of our school work in western Pennsylvania, to be made good by the societies in her own Presbytery later on. The time was too short to get it through our regular channels, so our friend advanced it upon the pledge of certain societies to repay her. It would have done your heart good to have seen the rejoicing of our Executive Committee when I opened my letter and displayed its contents to them. You would have felt assured of our sympathy with you in your anxiety.
Now, I must ask you two or three things. First, Mr. Eaton desires me in sending this check to ask especially about the title. Have you a good deed to this property?
This property must be transferred either to our Board of Home Missions, or to the Presbytery of Pueblo. This, I believe, Mr. Eaton will write about to Dr. Kirkwood. He wrote to us of his recent visit to you, and we were glad to hear from you so pleasantly.

1886, Jany 6th — To — Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Pa.

How I do wish you could have been here to see the effect of your letter and check upon our Executive Committee yesterday. It would have done your heart good; it surely did us good to receive it. All knew it is a loan from Mrs. Henry, not a gift as yet from Erie Presbyterial Society but it meeted the emergency just the same and is now on its way to Miss Barlow.

1886, To — Mrs. W. C. Roberts, Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dr. Roberts thinks the question paper on Organization should appear in the Presbyterian Home Missionary. Obediently, I send it to you.
I send you an advertisement of the Stereopticon which may be altered, amended, or entirely revised, as the majority of your Faculties may decide. Please add the following leaflets to the list of publications: —

Why No More Time for the Master's Work,	price,	2¢	per copy
S.S. No. 1. Organizations	"	1¢ ea. 75¢	per 100
S.S. Exercise No. 2. Helpers	"	1¢ " 75¢	" 100
S.S Exercise No. 3. Motives	"	1¢ " 75¢	" 100

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions (Card) free

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1886, Jany 6. — To Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C. from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

Today I write about Rev. W. L. Miller, home missionary at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, who came to New York to confer with the Board and our committee regarding a needed boarding school at Tahlequah. As he is leaving so as to reach Washington, D.C., next Tuesday, could you ask Mrs Sutherland and others to meet with you and him to hear his appeal? Please telegraph answer here. He leaves for Philadelphia on Friday night.

Dr. Roberts approves of the object and Mr. Joy is interested!

1886, Jany 7th — To — Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., (From Mrs. Haines)

When do steamers leave for Alaska in February? Do they go from Portland or Port Townsend? Which point is better? Do you think someone should be sent to the Chilcat Mission in place of the Willards next spring? Do you know of suitable candidates for Alaskan work?

1886, Jany 7th — To — Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Fairmont, West Virginia. (From Mrs. Haines)

We hope to hear from you soon as to the time when it will be necessary for you to go to New Mexico. We are sorry for the interruption the trip there will cause, because we had planned to have you visit as many groups of women as possible in this locality so as to save your time and strength, also travelling expenses. We still have this plan in view. We hope you can meet the engagements proposed to begin about the middle of this month of January.

1886, Jany 7th — To — Mrs. L. W. Cooper, Centerville, N.Y. (From Mrs. W. E. Knox.)

I am sorry we have none of the tracts you desire except "Aunty Parsons Story" to send. We expect a budget of "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box" soon. I send cards explaining the Board and the "Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions." When visiting societies I find very few who understand either of these organizations, and to tell the truth I did not when I came here. After seeing the card for the Board of Home Missions, I prepared one for the Executive Committee which was approved, adopted and printed. I will send as many as you will order for your presbytery without other charge than postage, that your presbyterial society should pay from the contingent fund. I suppose they have one? If not they should have. All who do not attend the meetings should pay something toward expenses.

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1886, Janu 7,— To— Miss E. J. Carothers, N. Y. (From Mrs. W. E Knox)
Your note with its encouragement is received. The logs proved so popular they disappeared like the early dew, but we have ordered more from Alaska, and expect them in the course of two weeks. How beautifully responsive children are! We are receiving sweet little notes from them all over the land. There will be a Childrens Meeting at Dr. Thompson's Church, Broadway and 34th Street, Saturday at 11 a.m. where I hope to see and hear you.
We must save the children if we save the world. Mrs. Somerville told me this morning of the pile of money your penny-a-day effort has produced. How full all of our treasuries would be if <u>every</u> one would do that little thing! The blessed Lord can truly say: "My people do not consider." Oh, that we could reach every woman and child so as to tell them the things that burn into our very souls.

1886, Janu 7, To— Geo. J. Michelback, Binghamton, N. Y. (From Mrs. W. E. Knox)
To the dear children of your school I send heartfelt greetings. God bless you for remembering the poor children of our forests and growing towns of the west. I wish I could tell you some of the pathetic stories about our Indian boys and girls.
One little lad of twelve years had measles but lightly, when nearly well the rain came through the roof of his wretched home, he caught cold, was paralyzed in his lower limbs and brought to the verge of death. His mother was a Christian and she fasted and prayed for two days that God would convert her boy before he should die. In haste they sent for the missionary to baptize him for he was converted on his sick bed. Before baptism he asked that all might leave the room but his father and mother. Taking a hand of each he begged a solemn promise that they would teach his brother and sister about Jesus, our Saviour. Then he and his brother and sister were baptized in the presence of a room full of Indians. To the surprise of all he recovered, and now is living with the missionary, studying and hoping hereafter to preach the Gospel. Sixteen girls and four boys are also studying and they want a schoolhouse and home for them. Children should furnish the money.

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1886, Jany 6, — To — Rev. Maxwell Phillips, Mora, New Mexico (From Mrs. L. E. Walker)
We do not base the price of the scholarships on the bare cost of a pupil's food, etc., but on the whole expense of the school divided by the certain number of pupils, trying to judge fairly of the cost per pupil. In this we take into consideration salaries of the teachers where we have no pledged support for them from societies. It is our aim here to cover the whole expense of each school by the pledges for salaries and scholarships. This plan is being carried into effect as rapidly as possible. We have our General Fund to meet unpledged and unpaid amounts. During this past year we were greatly embarrassed. Our General Fund is variable. We cannot depend on the amount that will come to the treasury unpledged.

1886, Jany 8th — To — Mrs. L. E. Coulter, Box 258, Pittsburgh, Pa. (From Mrs. M. E. Boyd)
Many thanks for the list of your missionaries. It will help us greatly when crediting money for the Freedmen

1886, Jany 7, For — Mrs. P. L. Perine, Omaha, Nebraska. (From Mrs. L. E. Walker)
The acknowledgment of the notice of the box doubtless reached you. Miss F. A. Dyer, one of our Corresponding Secretaries, and the secretary to receive such a notice, resigned on account of illness and returned to her home. For the present this work is among the duties of my department. Who will have charge when I return to Colorado, I do not know. Except for my longing to be at home with Mr. Walker I shall go regretfully. There is so much to be done and so few here to do the work. It is hard to turn away from it; for that will leave the burden on our dear Mrs. Haines who has nearly worn herself out in the service. I must leave about the middle of March if possible. × × × ×
We are waiting and praying for increase of Knowledge, self-denial, liberality and consecration among the Christian women of our great Presbyterian Church. × × ×
The demand for more leaflets is so great that we are striving to prepare them as rapidly as possible.

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1886, Jany 7 — To — Mrs. H. C. Doll, 616 Stout St., Denver, Colo.

I feel like claiming you as an old friend when you tell me that our dear Mrs. Charles L. Bailey of Harrisburg is your sister. My acquaintance with her is not long, but has been delightful, and I do feel that Colorado is to be congratulated in having her sister within the bounds of its synod. I am doubly glad you are in Central Church for I am sure you will be helpful to our work. I expect to return to my home in Colorado in March if possible, and shall be glad to meet you as I pass through Denver.

We were greatly surprised to meet Rev. Mr. Pinks last week upon his arrival here in New York; and were pained to learn of his misfortune. It will be a loss to Denver and to Colorado at large, to have Mr. and Mrs. Pinks taken from us. I fear that will be the final result. Dr. Agnew urges that he have absolute rest for six months. What the final verdict may be, we do not know. (Signed Mrs. Chas. E. Walker.)

1886, Jany 8th — To — Mrs. Delos E. Pinks, Denver, Colo.

I have wanted to write to thank you for your kindness in supplying my deficiency and failure to report to the Synod of Colorado in behalf of our Synodical Committee. Knowing your time was fully occupied, I regretted the necessity of asking you to take an extra burden. But to no one else could I turn, feeling assured that the matter would be in right hands. I have not written for lack of time. There is so much to do here, and so much we are forced to leave undone, because urgent matters seem to crowd them aside. I cannot tell you how surprised and grieved we were when Mr. Pinks suddenly appeared among us, and told of the sad affliction that had come upon him so suddenly. I fear those of us who belong to Colorado may soon sympathize with with ourselves if Mr. Pinks and you are to be absent from us.

To you, Chairman of Colorado Synodical Committee, I send cordial greeting and congratulation. If you are spared to us in Colorado, the change made by the Synod in appointing you chairman, will be greatly beneficial. I will promise to second your efforts and to work for success in our own special field to the best of my ability.

(Signed — Mrs. C. E. Walker.)

1886, Jany 7, To — Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, 237 Steuben St, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Grier called to ask the decision of the Executive Committee regarding Miss Stryker. I am very glad to tell you it was decided to send her as soon as possible to Miss Ufford's assistance, provided her references are satisfactory. Mrs. D. M. Miller who was at the meeting guaranteed that they would be. The fact that the Nassau ladies have pledged 200.— toward her support makes the matter quite sure here.

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1886, Jany 8, — Miss F. N. McCormick, Jamaica, Long Isl., N.Y.
Your little mistake in personality was not strange and should not give you a thought. Many seem to think I have taken Miss Dyer's place but mine is largely a new department, and Mrs. Walker has Miss Dyer's place. I expect to be here only until the last of May, and so wish to accomplish all I possibly can this winter.
(Signed Alice W. Knox, Mrs. W.E.)

1886, Jany 12, — To- Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.
I did not know where you were when writing the other day. It would be an excellent plan for you and Mr. Dana to look up helpers needed in Alaska. I hope you will be able to secure them. Our only fear is that your extreme interest in the cause will lead you to paint the picture in too roseate hues; therefore, when possible I wish Mrs. Jackson could talk with applicants, and take out the romance, and show how intensely practical the work is while demanding permanent consecration of heart. I send six lists of certificates that must be seen here and approved before any worker can receive a commission from the Board. Please report progress.
(Signed- Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy)

1886, Jan 12, — To- Mrs. C. F. Ham, Brooklyn, N.Y.
I hope to have the stereopticon ready for use by next Tuesday, when I expect our pictures will be ready to exhibit to the Woman's Executive Committee and the gentlemen of this establishment. How much time it takes to perfect anything! But we are advancing I trust somewhat. There is surely great need of progress to keep pace with God's leadings.
(Signed Alice W. Knox, Mrs. W.E.)

1886, Jany 14, — To- J. H. Van Gaasbeek, Fremont, Nebr.
My heart rejoices always when a Sunday school superintendent manifests a desire to educate the children in benevolent work. It takes time to prepare exercises for children; then, they must be approved by the secretaries before they can be sent to the printer! Patience must have her perfect work. Consequently, the last proof sheets have only just left the rooms. But I will send such as are ready as soon as they come, which must be in a few days. We want every Sunday school organized for mission work, and would like to know your plans.
(Signed, Alice M. Knox, Miss W.E.)

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1886, Jany 14 — To — Mrs. F. D. Walker, Dobbs Ferry, New York,

Your letter is at hand. Of course, if it is your wish and Mrs Rivers's that these Blank Report Forms should be sent to you for distribution throughout the Synod, I must comply. Although it makes our work irregular here, just when I hoped it was becoming systematic. Our other Synodical Secretaries as far as heard from, heartily coincide with the plan to send them directly from this office to the Presbyterial Secretaries. To this end I have prepared a letter to these Secretaries giving directions for the final disposition of these blanks, also by giving the name of the Synodical Secretary to whom to send their presbyterial reports. Several Synodical Secretaries requested us to send directly to Presbyterial Secretaries; and we wished the plan to be uniform. I agree with you that the adoption of some regular line of routine is best. The plan suggested seemed the simplest and for some reasons most satisfactory. — Signed by Mrs. C. E. Walker

1886, Jany 21, To — Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Colorado Springs, Colorado. (From Mrs. C. E. Walker)

There is so much to do here, and so few to do it, and I am fairly at work just as I must leave again! Our dear Mrs. Haines must be relieved of all regular work, or we cannot hope to have her wise counsels much longer. No, Dr. Kirkwood, do not take the time to report twice to us! Your letters are all kept in our file and we ask only for the Quarterly Report on school matters that you have not written about in the meantime. By action of our Committee we ask simply that a report on all School matters be sent to the Executive Committee as well as to the Board that we may be fully informed and have our own papers on file for reference. We shall await your decision about the school building for the Papagoes with interest. — Signed by Mrs. C. E. Walker

1886, Jany 21st — To Miss E. M. Wheeler, New York (From Mrs. A. W. Knox)

There is so much uncertainty about Mrs. A. R. McFarland's arrival you had better not rely on her. There is a possibility that she may be called to New Mexico to witness in court. If so she cannot come here at present.

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1886, Jany 21st, To — Mrs. R. H. Allen, Box 258, Pittsburgh, Penna.

In the pressure of work the constitution you propose for the Freedmen's Department was not considered until last Tuesday when Mrs. James had come from Washington. The Constitution is approved by the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, but an addition to Art 4 is desired, to probide for a General Secretary who shall be ex-officio an officer of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, viz one of our Corresponding Secretaries, such as you are now. We are glad to welcome your other officers as members of our Womans Executive Committee but we wish you, or a General Secretary of the Freedmens Department to be one of our regular secutaries and to have her name appear, as now, on the heading of our stationerey and in the "Presbyterian Home Missionary". We should like to have this General Secretary nominated by your workers in the Freedmen's Department, but she would not be elected by us until our Annual Meeting at the time of General Assembly.

If our Pittsburgh friends favor this addition, you can best incorporate it in your constitution. We shall want some copies, about a dozen. A letter from Mrs. Potter asks for a speaker on the Freedmen for Thursday, February 25. I hope our General Secretary for Freedmen can go.

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1886, Jany 22 — To — Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Fairmont, W. Va.

Yours of the 19th inst, is at hand. After consultation we have decided to ask you to come to New York at once, or in time to attend a meeting, a week from today — Friday the 29th inst in Dr. John Hall's Lecture Room. Please report at our office on arrival, — Room 78, Stewart Building, 280 Broadway, It is just above the City Hall and Post Office. We hope to find a boarding place for you and little Fanny, and to set you on your way there from here. Therefore you will keep your baggage check in hand until you know where your trunk is to go. We are hoping your testimony as to the Santa Fé matter can be taken here before a commissioner. A number of missionary societies are asking for a visit from you.

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(Letters written by Mrs L. E. Walker)
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1886, Feby 22 — To — Mrs S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Pa

Just a hasty answer to your questions this busy day.
First, Sisseton. The Board consents to making an appeal for money for those buildings.
Second, Park Hill is under advisement while the school is going on in a rented house for the purpose. The Board cannot decide what or how much to do until further and more complete reports are made by our Superintendent, Dr. T. Hill of Kansas City who has been instructed to go down there at once but his letters are not received. Whatever seems wisest and best will be done.
Third, If money for the lots at Pleasant Grove is paid in during the year the Board can take care of the matter; but be sure Blairsville or any other Presbyterial Society states plainly with each remittance the object to which it should be applied.
The question of Home Missionary Boxes is not for our Committee to regulate, and we could not if they were committed wholly to our department of work. Two-thirds of our home missionaries feel keenly the humiliation of the system, and they will not apply for aid until they must. Some pitiful applications have just come to us, yet all blanks were sent at one time and that right early. We will work until this matter like all others will be adjusted in time. In the meantime help us all you can with suggestions.

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1886, February 23d — Miss M. L. Allison, Santa Fé, New Mexico (Letter from Mrs. C.E. Walker)
How goes your work just now. I know about the roof and your mishap. Too bad! I do wish that disputed title could be settled. Then we could quickly say what had best be done for Santa Fé Mission property. Is it best, with new buildings in prospect, to do much for the old ones? How little of expense can we put on them, to make them comfortable for one more year?

1886, Feby 22 — To — Mrs. S. W. B. Cushing, East Orange, New Jersey. (from Mrs. A. W. Knox)
Miss Perley's school is in active operation, though not as flourishing as last year owing to the removals of pupils from the place and the increased bitterness of the Mormons to our work.

1886, Feby 23 — To — Mrs J. H. Taylor, Rome, N. Y. (Letter from Mrs. Alice W. Knox)
"Aunty Parson's story" is free, and we have distributed 40,000 to 50,000 copies. One leaflet a month given to every woman in the congregation produces fine results. All reading the same, may talk about it when they meet; thus, the impression is deepened and effort follows.

1886, Feby 24 — To Miss E. Bradshaw, Indianapolis, Ind
Miss Dyer has been forced by ill health to leave this work, so your letter comes to me for reply.
We are grateful for your interest in this work and the debt!
Will that incubus be lifted before the close of the fiscal year?
We are still in arrears over $7000. And if you could see the work that suffers, languishes because of this debt that ties our hands you would wonder how we bear it. This debt was caused largely because the salaries of our teachers were paid by the money in our General Fund that always is an uncertain quantity. Hereafter we shall endeavor to secure the pledged support of all teachers.

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(Letters from Mrs. L. E. Walker, Secy)

1886, Feby 23 To Mrs. F. A. Breigh, 2327 Capitol ave., Omaha, Nebr.

I am glad you ask questions, Let me assure your organizations that we do pay the salaries of teachers in full, that are supported by societies, first. Afterwards paying the salaries of unsupported teachers from our General Fund, and when that proves insufficient as it did this past year we borrowed the money and incurred the debt to meet our pledges to the teachers. Not one of our teachers has failed to receive full salary but preference is given, rightfully to those whose salaries are pledged by societies on the supposition that the amounts pledged are paid promptly and quarterly. Our teachers are paid quarterly when their quarterly reports are received by the Board. These reports are required by the Board of Home Missions as vouchers for the faithful performance of the work committed to our teachers, and each teacher understands that her quarterly salary will not be sent until she has filled out the blank report sent by the Board. Many societies have the impression that our teachers' salaries have been greatly reduced owing to the debt. This is not so. Not one teacher's salary has been reduced. Our teachers were paid only a salary sufficient to enable them to live and carry on their work. We could not do less, therefore the debt was forced upon us.

1886, Feby 24 To Rev. J. Loomis Gould, Hydah Mission, Jackson, Alaska

We are very desirous to learn just what the needs of the Hydah Mission are. Both the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Executive Committee are anxious for a full statement of facts at an early date. Will you therefore give us an explicit statement of the kind of building needed with plans, and the amount of money required to erect them. Let us know also how much money has been expended at the mission for buildings or repairs or any outlay of that kind. The Board stand ready to to expend all money that has been appropriated to Hydah Mission as soon as they can learn satisfactory particulars We regret the delay in building. You will remember the unfortunate circumstance connected with the lumber; the steamer refusing to land the lumber, which necessitated using it elsewhere. We sympathize with you in your work and are anxious you should have facilities to promote your usefulness and greater success.

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1886, Feby 24 – Mrs. R. Norton, Lockport, N.Y.

Could you call upon your Societies at your Annual Meeting for special contributions for the chapel school-house in a most destitute portion of Salt Lake City under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Newell? It is called the "Westminster Chapel" and we are endeavoring to secure funds to erect a building. Mr. Newell has organized a church, and did have a flourishing Sunday school of 90 children that he had gathered together in the Jewish Synagogue, but the use of that was denied, and his congregation and Sabbath school were left houseless, and scattered quickly. In the location where it is most needed it is impossible at present to rent even a room suitable for these purposes, therefore the necessity to build seems urgent. Our Board's approval for building is hearty, and the Board of Church Erection will grant the usual percentage provided we secure the needed amount before the building begins.

1886, February 25 – To Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Clifton Springs, New York

The Board of the South West had the promise of your presence at their Annual Meeting (D.V.) on Tuesday, March thirtieth. We sent this word to them after you and I talked about your visit to your sister in early April. I conferred with Dr. Roberts and Mrs. Boyd and we agree that it will be best for you to return here after seeing your sister, as there are so many societies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey who are asking to see you, more than you could possibly visit in March. Please write to Rev. J. C. Beattie, Chester, New York, when to expect you. Cedarville, New Jersey, are particularly anxious to have you April 15th, and Upton, Maryland, is on our list for March 16th.

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1886, February 26, To- Mrs. L. M. Harris, Binghamton, N.Y. (From Mrs. Alice W. Knox)
I never address public and mixed assemblies. I work with women and children. I think, however, Mrs. Bainbridge does speak to mixed audiences. She is famous also for her talks to children, and I like to talk to them.

1886, Feby 25- To- Dr. Thomas W. Bicknell, Boston, Mass. (From Mrs. Alice W. Knox)
I am anxious to procure a few good, clear slides of Alaska for a stereopticon. Dr. Sheldon Jackson refers me to you. I want one of Fort Wrangle, one of Sitka, Mrs. McFarland's home and school, one of an Alaskan glacier if you have it, one of Tongas, and one of Haydah Mission. If you can send any or all that will show well in a first class oil lamp I will be very glad. I write for the Woman's Executive committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church and we wish these slides for use in Sunday schools for their instruction and to secure their intelligent interest in our school work.

1886, Feby 26- To- Miss M. B. Mowry, Harrisburg, Pa. (From Mrs. W. E. Knox)
We shall have at least 60 views, perhaps more. The descriptions are intended to be full. It would require about one hour to properly exhibit the slides. Anyone can use the lantern who has used smaller ones, or anyone with a little mechanical skill. It is the best oil lamp made. We are revising and improving the outfit, but hope to have it ready in a week or ten days.

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(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Seaj.)

1886, February 26, To — Mrs. Darwin R. James, Washington, D.C.

I write regarding Mr. C. E. Boyd's going to General Assembly as a commissioner. It is always helpful to our work to have him there. And, I think, if his expenses were paid, as they would be by General Assembly, he would take our dear Treasurer, and her presence would help make our Executive committee the more lovely, etc, etc. So, as Mr. James has so little on his mind, I have thought he might in some way influence the Presbytery of Brooklyn to give Mr. Boyd the appointment. Then I will write some one else to have Mr. James go as the other elder needed. May I?

1886, Feby 27 — Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Washington, D.C. (From Mrs. W. E. Knox)

Another scheme committed to my care is a set of catechisms on the work in the different states and territories for use in Ladies' missionary meetings. Each is to contain a map of the country under consideration and Dr. Roberts says you are the person to provide a correct map of Alaska. It should be photographed to 4½ × 6½ inches in size, with mission school stations clearly located but no other towns to appear. It is to be a Home Missionary Map. You will know whether to have the plate made or to send the map to be copied here.

1886, Feby 28 — To — Mr. F. P. McDermott, Freehold, N.J. (From Mrs. L. E. Walker.)

It seems most appropriate that the Christmas offering of such greatly favored children as yours, should be used to carry happiness to young hearts that seldom rejoice. With appealing letters from so many of our brave missionary teachers in mind I am both glad and grateful that some of their wants have been met through the aid of your school.

The Mormon and Indian children have so little to brighten their lives and so few opportunities to learn anything helpful or cheering that our teachers are striving to do all in their power to make them happier and better. In New Mexico last year I found Indian children knew nothing of children's sports. They could gamble with cards, sticks or stones and dance their Indian dances but that was all. Our teachers need books and picture cards for them

1886—

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, sec'y)

1886, March 1st— To— (Mrs. S. E. Raynor, Carbondale, Lackawanna Co, Pa.

It is rather singular that the next letter after opening yours this morning was an invitation to attend a meeting at Kingston, Pa, to organize a Woman's Home Missionary Presbyterial Society in the Presbytery of Lackawanna. Such an organization will complete the number of presbyterial societies in the great Synod of Pennsylvania. It seems quite important that some of your Carbondale women should attend that meeting for there some of your questions will be answered, as your society will become a part of the Presbyterial Society to be organized, and you will be brought into right lines of work and learn how and where to send your funds, through the presbyterial treasurer to our Woman's Executive Committee. I enclose for you the program and invitation that you need not return.

1886 — March

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines' Secy)

1886, March 5 — To Mrs. Wm W. Clark, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.

Regarding your anniversary, Tuesday, May 11th, there seems little doubt that some one of our Committee or one of our missionaries could come to take part in it as you propose.

I am so very glad that the women of the Reformed Church have organized for Domestics or Home Mission. I have rather urged this on individuals in your Church for several years. Please send your printed report and let me know how old your committee is.

1886, March 5 — To Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.

A few moments ago we received the sad news, for us, that Mrs. R. H. Allen, Secretary of the Freedmen's Department, passed from earth last evening. It seems as if we must stop work for the time being. It is a mystery that we cannot understand.

1886, March 5 — To Rev. Dr. R. H. Allen,

Dear Sir and Brother,

It seems impossible to believe the news brought to us by "Postals" this morning. It seems as if they could not carry such sorrow. The only thing of comfort, outside of the Will of God — is that she is relieved from suffering. I cannot write about it. The Lord comfort you!

18 March 5 — To Mrs. John Sinclair

Yes, indeed, we think that $1930.05 is "very well" indeed for four days!

In your February statement there is $1065.06 from Albany Presbyterial. Will you write to the treasurer of that presbyterial society asking for the names and amounts of the societies contributing that sum? We wish these facts so societies may receive proper credit for their gifts in the annual Report of the Board.

1886 — March

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secy)

1886, March 6 — To — Mrs. Darwin R. James

We hope to see Dr. Jackson here in a week or two. Such attacks as are being made upon him must be very hard to bear. I am glad our secretaries here express great confidence in his integrity. We are so very busy here at the office work. It is not easy to leave it. Mrs Fitts proves very helpful.

1886 — March

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secy)

1886, March 6th To— Miss Lora B. Shields, 65 Pike St., Cincinnati, Ohio

Miss Floretta Shields who teaches school at Laguna is being continued there after having begun under the support of the Government. We need money to pay her salary of $500. Let me say confidentially, that our objection to assigning her to any society is because she does not know how to spell and evidently is quite behind in education generally, though she is really doing good work among the Indians. It was thought best on the whole, to allow her to remain for the present as Mr. Menaul and others recommended it. If she were to correspond with a society a wrong impression would be received as to the value of the work and she is doing really good work.

You may know that the Government has decided to discontinue the contract of the Board of Home Missions with the Albuquerque school. We cannot give up the school, even if we have to put up buildings. There is talk of removing to Salta but the whole matter is as yet undecided. Perhaps the Albuquerque people may make a large donation of land which would keep the school there.

1886, March 6, To— Mrs. J. P. E. Kumler, East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pa.

I come to you to ask if you will prepare for the April issue of the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" some short notice of the life and work and character of our beloved friend, Mrs. R. H. Allen. The paper goes to press about the twelfth instant, and I would like to have you send what you write to Rev. W. C. Roberts, here at our office so there may be no delay.

1886 – March

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy)

1886, March 10, To – Mrs. J. O. Keller, Fort Wayne, Indiana

We have heard that Mrs. N. J. Minott might be acceptable to take charge of the laundry at Sitka, Alaska, and have need to the right superintendent for that work as soon as possible.
The heaviest part of the work is done by the Indian boys and girls but we want a person not afraid of work and apt to teach those Indians how to do washing and ironing in the proper manner. We consider this to be missionary service as real as if it were done in the school room. There is great opportunity to exert a good influence over the Indians as they engage in household duties.

1886 – March

(Letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy)

1886, March 20, To — Mr. Lovell, Supt First Presbyterian S. S., Brooklyn, N.Y.

We need helpers at our office next Monday the 22 inst, very much, to count and pack up parcels of Home Missionary Calendars that should be sent out at once. I have thought some members of our Sunday school could come for at least a part of the day. The "wrappers" also have to be addressed. Our address is Stewart's Building, 280 Broadway, just above the City Hall, Room 75, Second Floor. There is an "elevator." We could keep quite a number of extra workers busy.

1886, March 22, To Mrs. M. A. Sackett, Cleveland, Ohio, (written by Mrs. H. E. Knox)

The local "contingent fund" is a tax upon each member of five or ten cents, at stated periods, making a fund for necessary and contingent expenses, such as postage, stationery, books &c. used by the local officers. Also, from this contingent fund order leaflets for monthly circulation in the society and congregation, a different leaflet every month, and the same one each month to every family in the congregation. This spreads information and greatly increases interest.

1886, March 24 – To Mrs. C. F. Allen, Williamsport, Pa. (Written by Mrs. D. E. Finke for Mrs. Haines.)

Your gift for Utah excites our gratitude. We are glad your society are disposed to help in this pressing work.

Mrs. Newell's letters are eloquent in their intensity of desire that the work should not be hindered. Let me quote from a recent one that lies before me for answer. Speaking of their losses resulting from delay, she says that at times she is almost completely disheartened "because the only time to strike is now, and we are wasting it seems, so much of our life working at such a disadvantage. We work very hard each day, but see little results because we have no place in which to gather. Our prayer-meetings from house to house are full, and much interest manifested. Meanwhile the devil is pressing his work with ardor. The Territory ought to be put under martial law immediately. Outrages occur every day that should bring down the heavy hand of the Government. I am sick of so much conservatism in both Church and State."

1886 – March

(Letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy)

1886, March 25 – To Mrs. L. E. Coulter, Pittsburgh, Pa

The Woman's Executive Committee does not hold a regular meeting in time to give official endorsement to the plan proposed for a Memorial to our beloved Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Allen, but I have consulted several of our members, and they join with me in earnest desire that the Texas school for colored girls may long recall to heart and mind the lovely earnestness with which our sister, now "passed into the skies," in addition to thrilling words for other missions in the South, pleaded in an especial manner for its establishment.

We consider the Freedmen's Department an important and integral part of our work; and while there are many objects depending, under God, upon the women of the Presbyterian Church, He has placed great power in their hands, and they are well able to build at Crockett Texas, this new monument to His glory, to the good of the colored race, and also in remembrance of Mary Allen.

F. E. H. Haines, Secretary.

1886, March 25 – A Needed Correction

The Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions has most gladly secured for the present, the help of Mrs. D. E. Finks in their office, which is possible for on account of his health, her husband is detained in New York City, but Mrs. Finks does not take the place of Mrs. Charles E. Walker, whose recent visit to Colorado was for a few days only, and who it is hoped may continue long in the work as Secretary of the above Committee

1886 — March

(Letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Seay)

1886, March 26 — To Mrs. Darwin R. James, Washington, DC.

We had a grand conference on Alaska yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. Jackson, and the Willards with Mrs. Winans and Miss Parke who are appointeded to go there.
Dr. Kendall is greatly stirred regarding the need for work in Tennessee and intends to hack the matter brought before General Assembly, and if possible, secure permission for the Board of Home Missions to extend its school work to those outside of the exceptional races. I wish you could have heard Rev. J. M. Davies tell of the needs of those mountain districts.

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(Letter of Mrs. W. E. Knox, (Alice W.))
Assistant

1886, March 27 — To Little Watchman Class,
Light Street Presbyterian S.S., Baltimore, Md.

I am happy to learn that you are already enlisted in the army of the Lord as a part of its guard watching on its bulworks and at its outposts. Your keen eyes have looked far away, over hill and dale, through canons and along high mountain sides until they have rested on Alaska's distant shores. Among its many islands, Sitka has bound your gaze and you now are searching to know its history.

About six years ago a gentleman went to Sitka for his health. His wife and pretty young daughter followed him, and finding no other house in which to live, they went to housekeeping in a vacant hospital. After a time seven Indian boys came and begged to be permitted to occupy an unused room, that they might study and learn to live as Christians do. They said they would furnish their own provisions and clothing if Mr. and Mrs. Austin would let them come. The pretty young lady said she would teach them, and thus began little boarding school. They learned rapidly and were devotedly attached to their lovely teacher. Now they all prefer young ladies who are fair blondes for teachers because Miss Austin was a blonde.

One night they found their house was on fire and the boys worked like heroes to save all they could. As the school increased and Mr. Austin regained health the Board of Home Missions decided to build a large and comfortable house where Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Austin could all live and receive many more Indian boys who wished to come to school. The boys learned to do all sorts of work in addition to their lessons in reading writing and other subjects such as you have at school.

This enlargement made necessary the raising of much money for buildings, furnishings, books, and all things necessary for home and school. Clothing too had to be provided for the poor little Indian boys, as it never would do to let them come to school dressed in blankets and feathers. The ladies having this work

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1886 March 27 — To the Little Watchman Band.

in charge thought the children of our Sunday schools would like to help furnish these things, and that is the reason you "Little Watchmen" are called into this work. Now, 60 boys and girls are in the school. When another school house was burned at another place it was decided to have all in one place. Miss Austin is married and has gone away but others have gone to teach, so now there are nine teachers, three of them being men. One teacher is matron and cook, and the boys can make cake and other good things to eat as well as any one. They also learn carpentering and other useful industries, so their lives are now very different from their former days in the woods. They are fond of their Bible lessons and learn many verses to recite. They have a prayer meeting by themselves every Sunday evening when they pray with and for each other. One little fellow prayed very earnestly that God would let the light shine into their dark hearts until every Indian should live in the light of God and all darkness be taken away.

Hoping the "Watchmen" of your Band will keep a sharp lookout not only on Sitka, but on all parts of our native land, and be ready to "lend a hand" wherever you can help, and may everyone of you become a true disciple of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines 54y)

1886, March 29 – To – Miss Fanny G. Bray, Newburyport, Mass.

We will send (D.V.) for your meeting at East Boston on April 14th – Mrs. D. E. Pinks of Colorado. She has known much of the need of Mission work in the west from her own experience, and I think she will speak of it in an interesting and acceptable way.

1886 – March

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines)
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1886, March 30, To – (Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna

You should have received from us copy of a letter written by Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., dated March 6th; describing the advantages and disadvantages of several sites in Arizona for a building for the Papagoes, Pimas and Maricopas. If you see no objection please send this "copy" to Mrs. C. M. Stryker, 1303 South Broad St., Philadelphia. I do not wonder that the Philadelphia women are tried with this delay. Dr. Kirkwood has been sent twice to investigate and report. Now, I am told $10,000.– will be needed to establish such a training school as will be of permanent service. Please let us have your personal opinion here. I am so glad you can go to Minneapolis.

1886, March 30, To – Mrs. Doll, 616 Stout St., Denver, Colo. (Written by Mrs. D. E. Finks)

The item announcing my election as secretary to which you refer is incorrect. The next issue will contain the correction. The ladies have needed help in the Woman's Executive Committee Rooms, and it has been a great privilege to me to assist; but it is not in the place of our new secretary, Mrs. C. E. Walker. I find the growing importance of this work wonderful.

Mr. Finks is not as well as he has been lately. He had made considerable improvment, but is now set back set back a little. This is a fresh trial of our faith. Dear Mrs. Doll, I felt all the unspoken words which were in your heart when you called. I was sure of your sympathy.

1886 – April

1886, April 1 – To Mrs. D.R. James, Washington, D.C.

Please write us what time will suit you for the April Conference with the School Committee. Dr. Kendall says it must be fixed to suit your convenience. Two days at least will be required for the Conference. Our next meeting after that will be held on the twentieth. The School Committee meets on Monday the fifth instant (D.V.) to consider the "Crackers" or Mountain White question – that is the proposed building etc, at Concord, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. D. Stuart Dodge do not wish to appear at this meeting.

1886, April 1st – To Mrs. James M. Ham, 278 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.
(written by Mrs Emily Baker, Stenographer)

Dr. Kendall stepped into our room yesterday and spoke of the fields being white for the harvest everywhere, and how the time to enter, but what can be done when we are held back?

1886 – April

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy)

1886, April 3 – To Miss Annie M. McDonald, 55 Atlantic St., Portland, Maine

I want to give you a few words of welcome to your new society. I do not know, but think yours is the first in Maine to help us in this great work of Home Missions.

Years ago when a young girl, I visited more than once in Portland, a particular friend, Rev. John W. Chickering, D.D., who was pastor of the High Street Church there. Memories of the pleasant times spent in your city give me special interest in your new society. I send leaflets you may like to read at your meetings.

1886, April 3, To Mrs. J. C. Donahower, St. Peter, Minn. – (From Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.)

I will mention for your benefit that our books close for the year on the tenth day of April. We close them promptly in the morning of that day.

You are probably aware that on all other months, except April, they are closed on the first day of the month.

1886, April 7 — To Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Princeton, N. J.

Can you send me word whether there is a Sunday this year called "Children's Day" and if so what is its date? If there is such a day, does anything stand in the way of having a collection for Home Missions asked for?

1886 April 7, — To Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Pennsylvania,

The importance of the work among the Papago and Pima Indians grows upon us. I beg you to hold Philadelphia and its presbyterial societies free from pledges to Sisseton, for the work they have begun already in Arizona. Dr. Kirkwood would have located the school buildings on his last trip if he had dared to hope for more money. I beg you to do nothing to divert funds from these Indians so promising, so ready and among whom Rev. Mr. Charles Cook and Dr. Hart are laboring so faithfully.

Are you not going beyond the limits set by our Board in stating $5000.— as the sum for Sisseton? The amount approved by our Board was $4000.— of which Mrs. Morris has raised more than $1000.— This leaves $3000.— and I think less than that. Where did you get the figures you gave me? If more than $4000.— is needed at Sisseton, please send us a statement as to what purpose. We shall need to know for consideration at our Annual Conference the last of this month when the Board's sanction will be asked, and we do not want to work in advance of that.

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Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1886, Apl 8, To. Mrs. T. M. Niven, Richmond Va.

Members of our Executive Committee who were present at the office yesterday held an informal meeting when your letter asking advice as to going to Concord, North Carolina, was considered. As a committee we have, so it was thought, no special voice in the matter, but are glad you have money in hand from the Synodical Committee of New York which will enable you to see the ground for yourself, and perhaps obtain information which will be valuable to us all. What a grand thing it would be if the $15,000.- or $20,000.- needed could be raised in the Synod of New York. Do you not think it can be done without interfering with work already in hand?

We are very hopeful from the way the enlargement of the work at Concord was received by the School Committee that we shall be authorized by the Board of Home Missions to go on with it.

1886 — April

Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1886, April 8, Notice

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions will be held in Minneapolis, Minn, on Friday, May 28th, 1886.
A meeting of all the members of the Woman's Synodical Committees of Home Missions will be held during the same day for the election of the officers of the Woman's Executive Committee and for other business.
For information as to railroad rates apply to Mrs. L. E. Walker, Box 1938, New York City; and as to boarding places to Mrs. E. P. Pomeroy, 145 North 10th Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Mrs. L. E. Walker } Secretaries.

1886, April 8, To — Rev. Henry M. Field, D.D, Editor of the New York Evangelist, New York City, N.Y.

The notice enclosed with this is of our Annual Meeting. I need not tell you how very much it will help us to have it appear in the New York Evangelist until a little after the middle of May next.

F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1886, April 8 — To Mrs. Henry Alexander, 10 W. 54th St., New York.

Since you were at our office yesterday it was decided by the committee in charge to ask you to lead the prayer-meeting at Dr. Crosby's Church (Parlor, up stairs) on Wednesday the 21st, at 3 p.m. I am almost certain you will consent to help us in this way, and only wish there was reason to effect a larger attendance. Someone from our office (whose name will be given you at the meeting) will be appointed to give recent information or outlook on the work for the new fiscal year just beginning.

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1886, April 9, D – Miss Mamie Maltman, Chicago, Ills. (Written by Mrs. Charles E. Walker)
Government employees caused trouble for our Sitka School,
but they have since been removed because of their hostility to the
mission work. Since their removal the school has been again
increasing in number, and our hearts have been cheered by the
knowledge that many of the Indian boys and girls have found the
Saviour.

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1886, April 9 – To Mrs. D. Stuart Dodge, New York, N.Y. (written by Mrs. Alice W. Knox)

Although the matter of Whitehall Seminary is substantially settled, it has not yet received the sanction of the Board of Home Missions. It has obtained the cordial and unanimous assent of the Woman's Executive committee and of the School committee appointed by and from the Board, but it now remains to receive the sanction of the Board, itself, as work for the new Year, which it will without doubt obtain. But you know, my dear, that such men as Dr. John Hall and others of the Board would not consider it the right thing for us to take any active steps before they had passed upon it. as the Board does not melt until the 2nd instant, consequently the brick should not be issued until next month.

1886, April 9 – To Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy, Minneapolis, Minn. (Letter by Mrs. C. E. Walker Secy)

I cannot now give you the names of missionaries and other speakers who will attend our annual Meeting but can mention Rev. and Mrs. Eugene S. Willard, Miss Lora B. Shields and Rev. T. L. Kirkwood, D.D. We shall probably arrange for half a dozen Indian Boys and Girls from our school at Sisseton Agency, Dakota, but they will not remain more than two days.

1886, April 9 – To Miss Edna Ross, Marquette, Mich (written by Mrs. Chas. E. Walker Secy)

You may know something of the Albuquerque Training School, under the care of Prof. R. W. D. Bryan. It is composed of boys and girls from the various Indian Pueblos of New Mexico, and a few Colorado Utes and Arizona Apaches. This winter our hearts have been gladdened by reports from teachers and our Superintendent of mission school work in New Mexico, Rev. Dr. Kirkwood, regarding the deep spiritual interest there. Many of these Indian pupils are giving their hearts to the Saviour.

1886, April 9 – To Mrs. Eugene S. Willard, c/o Mrs. J. F. White, New Castle (Letter from Mrs. C. E. Walker)

I have written of your and Mr. Willard's enforced absence from Alaska on account of ill health, also your intention to return there, and have stated the possibility of the station being transferred from Chilcat to Juneau.

1886, April 10 – To Mrs. M. V. Moore, Salem, N.J.

I cannot begin to tell you of the outlook for the coming year. We hope the work before us rather than that of the past will be given attention at all presbyterial meetings this month.
On account of the debt during the past year we have done little building. The debt had to be paid. At once there comes a very pressing demand for new buildings and we shall need increasing contributions for the purpose. At Albuquerque, New Mexico is located one of our principal Indeain Training schools. Thus far we have had the use of Government buildings, but have received notice to vacate July first, as the Government intends to have a school there, and it would no doubt be under Roman Catholic influence and instruction. We have 126 Indian boys and girls there in our Boarding School, many of them assigned to missionary societies for their support Can we or ought we to let them go ?. To keep them we must "arise and build." Ten thousand dollars will be necessary to provide for one hundred pupils. Every little helps. We shall depend on the women of New Jersey for a part of the money needed.

1886, April 10, To – Mrs. L. M. Stryker, 1305 So. Broad St., Philadelphia. (Letter by Mrs. C. E. Walker)

Enclosed is a document submitted for careful consideration at the request of Dr. W. C. Roberts, Our object in sending this copy of the report of our Superintendent of Schools in New Mexico and Arizona is to show some of our difficulties, and to learn your opinion as to the possibility of securing more funds from Philadelphia Societies. Will you confer with the other Presbyterial Presidents of Philadelphia, as it is important to reach a conclusion as soon as possible whether to commence the long delayed buildings or abandon the project of such a school as our work demands if we must for lack of sufficient funds. Philadelphia has contributed $3121.76 for this work. We need $ 7000.– more, $4000.– to be raised within four or six months. Dr. Kirkwood said that the more he studies this matter, he feels impressed with the importance of building at once and building well. Will you arrange for a conference of the officers of Philadelphia's three Presbyterial Societies for April 14th or 15th and I will bring to it all information at the command of our Committee and the Board of Home Missions so we can decide what is best to do, so the matter can be presented to the Annual Conference of our Woman's Executive Committee and the Board of Home Missions held the week following to decide upon work for the coming year.

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1886, Apl. 12, To Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C., from Mrs. L. B. Walker, Sec'y

You will rejoice with me over the results of my western trip, I know. An entrance gained at last into the Third and Fourth Presbyterian Churches of Chicago. Salaries of several teachers secured elsewhere, many questions settled here and there; and a satisfactory adjustment of matters arrived at with the Board of the Southwest, I trust.

Today a letter of inquiry came from Mrs. Pomeroy of Minneapolis regarding arrangements for our Daily Prayer Meeting during the week of our Annual Meeting, as to whether they were to be Home and Foreign "Union" Meetings. Mrs. Haines directed me to reply that they were to be left until we consult you, that arrangements for them were made by our Executive Committee. The Board of the Northwest are pressing their plans for Thursday's meetings vigorously.

1886, April 12, To Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Princeton, N.J.,

Mrs. H. E. Knox, formerly of Elmira, N.Y. is a co-laborer in this office. The Sunday school work is in her care especially, and I am anxious that you should have conference with her in regard to it. She is to meet the women of Philadelphia, next Friday and is to have half an hour at the Bethany (Mr. Wanamaker's) Sunday school next Sunday. Do you expect to be at home in Princeton next Monday, and could she see you on her way to New York ?

1886 — April

Letters from Mrs. L. E. Walker, Secy

1886, April 14 — To Rev. J. L. Kirkwood, Colorado Springs, Colo.

"In regard to School Work. — While from a legal standpoint the Board of Home Missions has entire control of the teachers and the work being done by our women, yet in view of the Board's request, the Presbytery is to have a general supervision over the schools. Presbytery is thereby under obligation to exercise some advisory control of the school work."

1884, Page 48, Section 3, Reports on Freedmen. Bills and Overtures Com. see the following: — (Minutes General Assembly 1884.)?

In the establishment and maintenance of schools the Board should carefully consider the recommendations of the Presbyteries but should act finally on its own judgment.

At our Executive Committee Meeting yesterday I was instructed to write Dr. Kirkwood at once inviting him to be present at our Annual Meeting at Minneapolis to present the Indian and Mexican work of Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. I therefore obey instructions. If you are not a delegate to the General Assembly the Woman's Executive Committee will meet all your travelling expenses. If we can have your presence and aid during that week or ten days we think we will not need a teacher to present those fields of work.

You will be glad to know that I am to go to Philadelphia tomorrow to meet the officers of the three Presbyterial Societies to plead for the Papago-Pima School to be located at one of the three points you have designated. I shall plead strongly for it. The result I cannot predict, but the dissatisfaction is great because we have waited so long.

1886, April 14 — To Mrs. McCune, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Kirkwood tells me that the Papago and Pima Indians were originally one tribe and that this work can be most effectually aided by locating the building as near or nearer to the Pimas than the Papagoes, thus reaching both tribes. The Pimas are the more promising of the two tribes. The Papagoes go freely among the Pimas and are employed by them both spring and fall in their agricultural pursuits.

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Letters from Mrs. L. B. Walker, Secy

1886, April 14 — To Mrs. H. H. Daugherty, Shelbyville, Ind.

Congratulations upon the growth of your society — a gain of $122.= over last year's receipts. Good! What will it do this year? What can it do? Our debt, a terrible weight, carried one long year, is just lifted, and fresh calls from old fields are coming to us. I say "old" to distinguish from new work. For the old we need imperatively $40,000. — for buildings, $10,000, we must secure within a few months. We have used Government buildings for our school at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Now they will be taken from us. Friends in Albuquerque will aid to start there anew. The Government will continue to pay partial support of Indian children as before, but we must have money to erect buildings. Where shall we get the needed $10,000.

1886, April 14 — To Mrs. L. W. B. Cushing, East Orange, N. J.

I think the reason for publishing so little about Miss Perley's work, or that of other workers in the Presbyterian Home Missionary is due to the fact that such publicity caused trouble for our teachers in Utah. When writing to our office they ask not to have their letters published if items & information might cause recognition of the writer.

Our heavy indebtedness last year was so well known among the Mormons and made the cause of rejoicing, that they confidently expected we would be obliged to withdraw teachers, and even hoped that all of our schools would be broken up.

1886, April 15 — To Mrs. Darwin R. James, Washington, D.C. (Letter by Mrs. F. E. H. Haines)

Did Mrs. Walker have time to tell you last Tuesday P. M. how wonderfully the Lord has filled our treasury? $176,000. — and a little over. Gifts specified for the debt were $3000. — less than the actual amount needed for it, so the Executive Committee decided to take enough from the General Fund to clear the entire Debt. I hope you will approve.

Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy of Minneapolis writes of having secured the Plymouth Church, quite near the church where General Assembly will meet, for our meetings. It has committee rooms that will be at our disposal.

1886 April —

Letters from Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Secy

1886 April 16 — To Mrs. Edwin Lenton, Washington, Pa.

We have learned that it is unwise to ask societies to prepare the entire wardrobe for a single pupil. Our teachers find that when a child is dressed too fancifully when others have only plain clothes, a spirit of jealousy arises and results are harmful. We have therefore decided to ask all societies hereafter to prepare garments by the dozen or half dozen of a kind in quality and style the same. Societies may choose what to make also what quantity. The decision applies to undergarments as well as to dresses.

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1886, April 19, To— Mr. and Mrs John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, Pa.
I send by this mail a sample of our calendar, logs and bricks which you will please accept as mementos of the visit I had the pleasure of making to your magnificent Sunday school. I was never so favorably impressed by any other school I ever visited. I shall be glad indeed, if you will attach it to the Woman's Executive Committee so that we may count you our helpers. I hope to hear of a grand "log-rolling", only $300.— now lacking for Alaska. (Signed Mrs. W. E. Knox.)

1886, Apl. 19th— To— Mrs. J. C. Gordon, Shady Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Your note giving notice of the nomination of Mrs. L. E. Coulter as General Secretary of our Freedmen's Department is received. I am certain it will be considered with cordial respect at the Election of Officers for the year to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., (D.V.) on the 28th of next May.

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Excerpts from letter of Mrs. L. B. Walker

1886, Apl 19th - To - Mrs. F. E. Pomeroy, 145 North 18th St, Minneapolis, Minn.

Before I go into the business, let me express my earnest appreciation of your work in behalf of our Annual Meeting. I know its perplexities, but your promptness, thoughtfulness and thorough sympathy aid us at every step. Let that thought lighten your heart if it does not your burden of care. And I beg you to throw off all of the burden you can or we shall find you worn out when we arrive.

I took your letter at once to Mrs. Haines and now write in accordance with her advice.

About the Luncheon. We greatly prefer our usual plan for a simple luncheon, served by some caterer, or at some convenient inexpensive place and paid for by each individual. The price can be agreed upon by your Committee in advance. If you think best, tickets might be prepared and handed to the women entitled to them. The clerk at the restaurant would then recognize the delagates. Unless the same plan can be adopted for both the Home and Foreign days we do not now wish to have you change it.

As the committee have arranged for the morning meeting to be under the direction of the Board of the Northwest we can say nothing. As we hold our "Meetings for Prayer and Acquaintance" in the evening always they will not conflict. As you have reserved rooms at the Plymouth Church for these meetings the exact hours need not be announced until later. Indeed they cannot be until our program is arranged in conference with Mrs. James.

Please keep in mind that this is the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee. The Woman's Board of the Northwest and all others of the Womens Foreign Boards hold their annual meetings before. We will appoint the leaders for our Prayer and Acquaintance Meetings.

I am sorry you were so perplexed because of not hearing from us. We did not anticipate the action of the Woman's Board of the Northwest that has forced you to decide these matters. From year to year the Prayer Meetings have always been in our care, arranged for by us, first started by the Woman's Executive Committee, also? Last year the Philadelphia Board were invited to take the sole charge of one meeting, and the invitation was sent to them by our Committee. We must hold our meetings as heretofore at such time and under such leadership as we deem best. This we cannot determine until the delegates arrive.

We hold no Sunday meetings. The place you have chosen for four officers is all right. They will be: Mrs. D. K. James, Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Walker, the fourth not yet determined. If Mrs. Boyd goes she will be entertained with her husband elsewhere. I will go in advance, probably Wednesday the 19th, Mrs. E. S. Willard will present missions in Alaska,

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1886, April 22 - To- Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Washington, D.C.
Our committee have decided to order 75 copies of your Map of Southeast Alaska, and 25 copies of Alaska at the rates you offer. Please send the bill. (Signed Mrs. F. E. H. Haines per Mrs. D.E. Finks)

1886, April 23 - To- Rev. J. C. McClintock, Burlington, Iowa.
Your letter came to me this morning and I find another from Prof. Bryan regarding the same matter. To learn about the pupil assigned to your Sabbath School, I found it necessary to look over our old books, and have given sometime to careful investigation. You will be much surprised to learn that our books do not show any money contributed by your Sunday School for a scholarship at Albuquerque, or other point. Our books are kept in a most businesslike manner and I am certain they are correct. After I became fully satisfied that your treasurer had never sent fifty dollars annually to the Womans Executive Committee, I carried your last letter to Mr. O.D. Eaton Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, and asked him to look up the matter in his department. And here the missing money appeared on the books! This is not all. This money came to Mr. Eaton from Mr. Rankin, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, two of these years, at least, with no mention of a "scholarship" or special gift, but simply for Albuquerque from Sunday School of Burlington, Iowa. The money for 1886 came through Mr. Rankin in February and was duly credited to the Albuquerque School and transferred to our account by Mr. Eaton. There you will see we are blameless, also Prof. Bryan.

1st. The money was never sent to us.
2nd. The money was sent to the Board of Home Missions through the Board of Foreign Missions without stating the fact that it was for a scholarship.
3rd Prof. Bryan was not at fault for failing to communicate with the Sunday School. He was never notified because we knew nothing of the matter. Mr. Eaton did not know it was scholarship money.

You write that your treasurer holds the receipts of our treasurer. Will you please look carefully to see from whom they came?

I am very glad you sent your letter of inquiry about this matter for now we can set it all right. I am sorry your school have been losers by not receiving the quarterly letters and reports to which justly entitled. But they have the satisfaction of knowing that their money went into the Albuquerque School fund and so accomplished its mission. I hasten to offer to the Sunday School for this year the name of "Seyamatya" an Indian boy aged 14 years of the Acoma Pueblo whose report gave him 98% in January and 100% in deportment. A good boy, that! His English name on our book is Blake. I am asking

Professor Bryan to have Seyamatya write to the Sunday School, the Indian Department at Washington have notified me officially that we (it vacate their buildings at Albuquerque, by July first. On credit that our annual may. It suffer by this, we must have our Building for occupancy October first, 1886. $10,000.— are needed for this.

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1886, April 24, To — H. J. Manning, 106 E. 114th St., New York City

Thank you for your request about our school at Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is a school of much importance and prosperity, and has been blessed with a spiritual outpouring. The religious interest is deep and constantly spreading. We need $10,000.— for new buildings. From 120 to 140 pupils are in attendance and with better facilities the number could be increased easily.

The U.S. Government owns the buildings in which our school has been conducted and now needs them for its own purposes. Hence, we must vacate and have a building ready for the fall opening of the school. It will work great disaster if we cannot be ready to go on with the school work at that time. Hence, the pressing need for funds. (Signed Mrs. C. E. Walker, by Mrs. D. C. Finks)

1886, April 24, To — Mrs. Alden, c/o Messrs J. S. Morgan & Co., London, England

How much there is to do everywhere and what an honor that our Lord is willing to use such imperfect instruments. We have great reason to be thankful that our School Department of Home Missions has been provided for wonderfully during this past year. The receipts are more than $176,000.—, and best of all, there have been many conversions in the schools. No blessing can be compared to this. We are getting more efficient help in the office. Supposing that you are still "Reformed", you may be interested to know that our new Secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Walker and I are invited to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Reformed Church at Dr. Coe's Church on May 11th. I hope that society may undertake more in the future than the building of Manse's though that is a very good and important work.

Signed by Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1886, April 27, To — Mrs. A. R. McFarland,

I think you understand that we in this office have made no engagements for you to speak, and further meetings must be left entirely to you. (Mrs. W. L. Roberts wants very much to have you visit Newark, New Jersey, and Dr. Happer of Philadelphia invites you & Mrs. Walker to speak in his church on Sunday, May 2d, Dr. Kendall expresses a special wish to have you go to General Assembly. Though our Annual Meeting does not occur until Friday, May 28th, it is quite desirable to have you arrive at Minneapolis, Tuesday morning, May 25th, if not sooner. Please plan for this even if you decide to do so. invitations from local churches

Signed by Mrs F. E. H. Haines

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1886, April 27 — To Miss J. F. Groves, Germantown, Penna.

At first we did think it quite necessary to have our scholarships $100.= each and I continue to think that amount is not too much; but for various reasons, we finally decided to have them $75.— Therefore, you will hereafter be expected to pay only that amount per annum. Will you allow a suggestion regarding the extra $25.— ?

You may know something of the beginnings of our work among the Papago Indians, and the plans for larger work anticipated for both Pimas and Papagos. Thus far, this work belongs wholly to the societies of the three Philadelphia Presbyterials because started and financed by them alone. $3000.— have been raised thus far for buildings for a boarding school. A portion of it was given some-time ago, but hindrances from time to time have delayed the erection of the building. Now, the way is clear if $2000.— more are provided. By invitation, I shall attend the meeting at the Mount Airy church on May 13th. Can I meet you there?

Signed by Mrs. C. E. Walker

1886, April 28, To Mrs. F. E. Pomeroy, Minneapolis, Minn.

A box of leaflet publications and a few Indian curios will go to Minneapolis. As they will be wanted at Plymouth Church only, expense will be saved by having it delivered there. Please write correct address for the purpose.

Signed by Mrs. F. E. H. Haines

1886, April 28 — To Mrs R. B. Proudfit, Pasadena, Calif.

I wonder whether you have met some friends of ours, Prof. and Mrs. J. M. Coyner. He has been the means of doing a good work at Salt Lake City, Utah, but a change of location was necessary on account of his wife's health. I am glad to know of your good influence with the young ladies of your church in favor of Home Missions. It would do you good to take the steamer to Alaska this summer and see for yourself what needs to be done to elevate the natives. Mrs. McFarland is now in this part of the country and it has not been decided where she will be stationed on her return. Would your society assume a scholarship in the Indian Training School at Sitka? Or, a box of useful articles is always welcome. It is better for a society to make a dozen or more garments of about the same material and assorted sizes. Long-sleeved aprons answer for school dresses in summer. Dolls would have a warm greeting at Christmas. I would like you to see an Alaskan doll I have. The face is carved of bone, with a really melancholy expression reflecting that of the poor women and children one sees there. What a transformation you would notice in the whole aspect of the children who have been under the care of our missionaries even for a short time. The Lord has blessed the Sitka School.

Signed by Mrs. F. E. H. Haines

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1886, April 28 — To Mrs. George Norcross, Carlele, Penna.

Miss DeGraff's salary is $450. — She seems to be doing excellent work. A recent letter from one of our most experienced ministers in Utah says: "The teachers that the Woman's Executive Committee have sent to Utah lately, such as Miss DeGraff, Miss McCullough and others are of a high order of consecrated missionary spirit and experience: just such teachers as we need. I want to express our appreciation of their selection: for it is a patent fact that a faithful, pious, and efficient teacher seems to fit all our material to hand."

Signed Mrs C. E. Walker
per Mrs. D. E. Funks

1886, April 29 — Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Princeton, N. J.

My son does not know of my sending the enclosed circular to you. It was written by my son Frank to the parents in his church. I am certain you feel the great harm going on through the non-attendance of children at church. Signed by Mrs F. E. H. Haines
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1886, April 30. To Mrs. George A. Howard, Catskill, N. Y.

I imagine your consternation when another large parcel of leaflets reaches you! "Why do you send so many?" You ask, with a look of dismay. But, I send them for your new presbyterial secretary whose name I failed to get. Please request her to send one of each kind to the churches in the presbytery where there are no Home Missionary societies, and to write a kind note of explanation inviting them to organize, and to report to her. If the societies do not pay for them let the amount be charged to the Presbyterial Contingent Fund, unless some woman would like to present them to the churches. If the secretary will mention this in her letters to the churches she will be saved trouble. Then when reporting to headquarters indicate the amount received for leaflets and so much for postage. (Signed by Mrs A. W. Knox)

1886, April 30 — To — Mrs. G. A. Kelly, 198 Western Ave., Allegheny, Penna.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Timothy Hill of Kansas City, our Superintendent of Mission Work in Indian Territory. He has much valuable and interesting information. Dr. Hill leaves for home this evening but will stop at Pittsburgh over the Sabbath at our request. He reaches Pittsburgh tomorrow, Saturday morning, and I have asked him to call on you. Would it not be well to bring your officers together to-morrow evening to confer with him?

Pardon me, dear Mrs. Kelly if I suggest the calling of a meeting for Sabbath afternoon to listen to Dr. Hill about Indian Territory and work at Park Hill in particular so as to understand it more fully. Dr. Hill is in charge of rebuilding at that point. I have written Mrs Harbison and Miss Stewart also.

Signed Mrs C. E. Walker

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1886, May 1st, To Mr. Mark Manley, Canton, N.Y.
We are encouraged to have interest shown in Albuquerque. The buildings we have occupied belong to the government and a few weeks ago the Indian department at Washington notified the Board of Home Missions officially, that they desired us to vacate them by July first. The new policy regarding educational work among the Indians of the present administration has led to this request. That was a real blow to our work, just at this season of the year as we fear we shall have difficulty in securing the $5,000.— so necessary now to build during the summer months, in time for occupancy by October first, that we may secure the prompt return of the present pupils. The citizens of Albuquerque offer us a fine tract of land upon which to erect buildings, and the Government is willing to aid us as heretofore by paying part of the support of the Indian pupils.
With real pleasure I assign to you a pupil at Albuquerque under Scholarship #90, a little Laguna Indian girl — "Scheyeitsa", ten years old. She stands 95 in her general scholdrship and 100 per cent in deportment. The Lagunas are among the brightest of the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico. These children seem to make the most rapid progress, and this is due largely to the faithful missionary work for several years of the Rev. John Menaul who has given years of faithful service at this Pueblo.
Signed, Mrs. C. E. Walker

1886, May 3, To — (Mrs. Fanny ?) Sinclair, New York
The debt was paid by special gifts for that purpose to within $3,000.— and this balance was paid from the General Fund, which fortunately had a surplus, more than sufficient for the purpose after all other expenses were paid. The Woman's Executive Committee have $176,269.83 to report as the receipts for the fiscal year 1885–1886. (Signed, Alice W. Knox)

1886, May 5— To — (Mr. W. K. Morris, Sisseton Agency, Dakota
We would like you to select a half dozen pupils some of whom shall be girls and bring them to Minneapolis, so as to reach there by Tuesday eve the 26th of if that is impossible, by the morning of the 26th instant. Secure passes if possible; if not, do as well as you can as to rates; but be certain to come. signed by Mrs. C. E. Walker

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1886, May 5, To Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy, 145 No. 10th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
A few days since we learned through Dr. Gillespie of the Foreign Board that he had been invited by the ladies to address them on Foreign Missions on Friday evening at Minneapolis. We assured him that Friday, day and evening, belonged to the Woman's Executive Committee, and he said he would write at once to secure further information. We felt assured it was simply a mistake so did not telegraph you. We shall hope to hear soon regarding your success in securing a stenographer, or at least, in giving us rates. If they are quite high we prefer to bring our own. Except for the expense of travel it would be better for us to do so, for Mrs. Baker is admirable and understands the work, and the report would be more accurate. If the cost of the stenographer would be as much as that of the carfare, then we will bring her. Mrs M. E. Boyd will be the fourth member of our Committee to occupy rooms. Signed by Mrs. L. E. Walker.

1886, May 6 — To- Rev. L. M. Parks, Logan, Utah.
We are so glad you are on the road to recovery, and thankful that you will be at Minneapolis. We were wanting to have the Utah work represented and shall look to you for that. We shall have a meeting at Minneapolis, Monday afternoon, May 24th on the Mormon question and your help will be needed. Arrangements are not yet completed but we may also need your help on the 28th inst. Regarding a grant for expenses, this will not be necessary. Please have Mrs. Parks and your daughter keep an itemized account of their travel expenses and they will be paid.

Signed Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
per Mrs. D. E. Finks

1886, May 6, Mrs D. R. James, Washington, D.C.
We did not fully understand whether you wish Mrs. E. R. Perkins of Ohio to lead or take part in the Memorial Service for Mrs. Ashbel Green at Minneapolis. As the last Annual Meeting at which Mrs. Green presided was held in Ohio, and as Mrs. Perkins is the Synodical President of Ohio it seems very fitting that she should lead. Will you write her if you think she should be invited to do this?

Signed, F. E. H. Haines
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Per N. V. Finks

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1886, May 6 — To — Mrs. Alexander Whilldin 1439 No. 15th Street, Philadelphia Penna

I promised to tell you about the much needed school buildings in Arizona. Several years ago the ladies of Philadelphia became interested in Arizona through an earnest appeal made by Dr. Sheldon Jackson. Their particular interest was the Papago Tribe and with great enthusiasm $2000.— was promised to erect a school building. Later Dr. Jackson appealed again for both Pima and Papago Tribes and asked them to increase the amount to $3000.— for buildings for an Indian Training and Boarding School. The money was raised and paid promptly. The history of the various hindrances preventing the erection of the buildings is rather complicated. However the school was started on the Papago reservation as a day school, Dr. Hart, acting as physician as well as teacher, being paid in part by government funds.

Experience has taught the Board of Home Missions that it is not wise to erect missionary buildings on reservations. Such a building on a reservation would be entirely at the mercy of both Indian agents and officials of the Indian Department, and at any time would be liable to be ordered off the reservation. Therefore it has been decided that these buildings must be out side of both Pima and Papago reservations. As they are some distance apart the exact location for the buildings has been a perplexing question. To erect buildings off the reservation at once creates a Boarding and Industrial School, for the the children must be accommodated in the buildings during the entire school year. Since these matters have been fully understood we find it is utterly impossible to erect suitable buildings for $3000.— ; therefore our Superintendent of Missions after two long journeys to Arizona, both tiresome and expensive, has been obliged to report to the Board the utter impossibility of locating and erecting these buildings without the assurance of at least $2000.— more for immediate purposes, and the ultimate hope that $5000.— additional may be raised the following year to enlarge. The more we learn of the need in Arizona, where no school of the kind exists, the more deeply we are impressed with its importance and the necessity for doing this work immediately.

Originally the Pimas and Papagos were one tribe but the more promising portion of the tribe are now known as the Pima Indians. They are an industrious, agricultural people and not under Roman Catholic influence; at present they are more pagan than Romanist in tendency. The Papagos have a great deal of intercourse with the Pimas; are less industrious, only given to agricultural pursuits when in the employ of the Pimas. They are strong Roman Catholics, and the difficulties

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of working among them will be much greater than among the Pimas. Still we hope to have both tribes send a goodly number of pupils to our school when it is fairly started.

Owing to the difficulty of securing necessary irrigation for land wherever we may choose to locate, it may be necessary to erect these buildings some forty or more miles away from the Pima Indian Reservation. However, the Pimas and Papagos are usually found in larger numbers off of their reservations than on them, so this may not prove to be an important consideration after all.

The necessity for beginning work very soon in Arizona, in order to avail ourselves of the proper time for making adobé brick for the buildings, before the rainy season shall set in, is apparent.

We realize it is an unfortunate time to appeal to societies just as they are disbanding for the summer, and yet the delay will be very great unless this money can be raised soon.

Signed by Frances B. Walker
(Mrs. C. E.)

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1886 - May 7th To Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna.

I wish I might talk this over with you. Let me tell you a little about Sisseton, but beg you to feel there is no discrimination against that that school: far from it!

When Sisseton was transferred to us with a great flourish of trumpets it was simply a small day school, most poorly equipped. It has received already over $4,000. — for improvements, notwithstanding its rapidly increased expenses. The Government refuses to aid in the support of more than 30 pupils. $4000.- more has been approved and I hope you can get all that is lacking of that amount. Then I think, the matter ought to rest till other "old work" is equally well cared for, at least. I do not think it is all Sisseton needs, but all that it can fairly be entitled to relatively.

To sustain the old work this year $40,000.— is demanded for school buildings. Where will we get it? The financial outlook is dark. But why do I write all this? Because I fear the Board will say: only the Boys Home and its furnishings can be granted this year. Some one is to go from Minneapolis to Sisseton to learn the pressing needs. Possibly I am to be that one.

Pray for us earnestly and often.

Signed Mrs. F. B. Walker.

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1886 - May 6 - To - Capt. Pratt, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Penna.
We desire to send fifty new uniforms to the Indian boys at our Sitka Training School, Alaska. They should be of assorted sizes for boys from ten to twenty years of age, and would need to be rather rather larger around the neck and shoulders and about the waist than for white boys. At what price could you furnish them? We would like to see a sample of the cloth of which you would make them, and would wish them to be ready to ship the first week of June. Could you have them ready for that time if you can furnish them? If not, how soon after that date could they be ready?

Signed Mrs. F. E. H. Haines,
per Mrs Fink.

1886, May 7th - To - Rev. Howard Crosby, D.D., New York, N.Y.
The Annual Meeting of our Woman's Executive Committee will be held at Minneapolis, Minn., on Friday, May 28th. We very earnestly request you to help us by presiding at the Public Meeting to be held in connection with it that evening. The meeting will have special reference to the School Work of the Board of Home Missions, and we hope as presiding officer you will make remarks on the subject. In behalf of our Committee, Yours truly and respectfully

F. E. H. Haines }
F. B. Walker } Secretaries

1886, May 7th, To - Miss Rachel Pollock, 232 No. Second St, Harrisburg, Pa.
You will be glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Willard expect to be on their way to Alaska again before long. The Chilcat Mission will be continued, though possibly at another point. Of that we will write later.

Signed - Frances B. Walker.

1886, May 10, To - Mrs. J. S. Long, Freehold, N. J.
Mrs. Knox has been corresponding with Mrs. Troxell regarding attending the coming meeting at Freehold. She finds now that it will be impossible for her to be there and has requested that Mrs. D. E. Finks, of Colorado, take her place. Mrs Finks will arrive in Freehold at about 12.42 p.m. and we hope some one will meet her and provide for her entertainment.

Signed - F. E. H. Haines
per N. V. F.

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1886, May 11, — To — Mrs. D. Stuart Dodge, New York, N.Y.
Our hearts are glad and so will yours be when I tell you the Board of Home Missions passed favorably on the North Carolina work. Now we can go on vigorously and without restraint. We want to see you and Mr. Dodge sometime this week for consultation on the matter. Any time after three P.M. to-morrow, Wednesday the twelfth. Excuse haste and brevity for work presses. We all leave Monday for Minneapolis.
Signed Alice W. Knox.

1886, May 10, To — Miss Eliza Fisher, 65 Pike St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
If particularly interested in Isleta, we suggest that your society assume part of Mr. Hawley's salary which is $900.— per year. We cannot afford to send a woman teacher to that point at present. Mr. Hawley is undergoing great tribulation. He had been doing admirable work and is very faithful, but our school is nearly broken up through the influence of the Jesuits priests who have waged such a bitter war against him that his last letter reported but two pupils left. Of course our Board are taking steps to secure relief from this opposition, but what the result will be we do not know yet. It is not our intention to be driven from the field. We hold a written contract from the Government and have been forced to make a second appeal to them in Mr. Hawley's behalf.
It is probable that his school will be in a different building in the fall, as that now occupied is merely a rented room
It is sad that a school numbering 72 being so thoroughly broken up through such influences.

1886, May 11 — To — Mrs. T. M. Niven, Dobbs Ferry, New York.
The Board of Home Missions have pronounced favorably on White Hall and Hydah, $3000.— for the latter, of which $1952. is on hands, and $200.= more, promised. Utica Presbytery is able to raise the $848.— needed. Shall we write and ask if they would like to do it? Or, will you do it? Please answer shortly; time is very short. I have written Mrs. Dodge about Whitehall and suppose you will send a congratulatory note too. I had a nice time Sunday at the West Presbyterian with Mrs. Russell Sage's children's church. I expect to get $100.— from them, but it will not be sent before I leave. Only $200.00 are now lacking for Tahlequah. Isn't that good? I shall go to Minneapolis, and shall not return to New York, my time here expiring with May as per agreement. I must have June to prepare for my long trip to Japan.
Signed Alice W. Knox

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1886, May 11 — To — Miss Constance Miller, St. Louis, Mo.

My darling child, —

I have received your donation for the Indian School with great pleasure. We have all the money for it now except 200. — and, as several Sunday schools have promised to send gifts we think the whole amount is raised. Oh, how glad Tommy and all the other boys and girls down there will be when the building of the new house begins! Then how glad you and I, and all the boys and girls who have helped raise the money for it will be! And, don't you think, our dear Lord Jesus Christ will be glad too? I know He will be for He loves those poor children and wants them to be happy through His love.

Signed by Alice W. Knox

1886, May 12, To — Mrs. Cora K. Lotherop, Le Roy, New York.

I close my engagement with the Woman's Executive Committee the last of May when the Annual Meeting closes at Minneapolis. My engagement was temporary, just to help them in a stress of work from November to June. In July I expect to go with my daughter to Japan to visit my son who is a missionary there and shall probably be gone a year or more.

Signed by Alice W. Knox

1886, May 12, To — Mrs. L. E. Coulter, Pittsburgh, Penna.

I am so glad you are to go to Minneapolis for we want a short report of the Freedmen's department from you on Friday the 28th inst. Probably we shall want Dr. Allen on Tuesday the 25th, also on Friday evening the 28th inst.

Signed by Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1886, May 12, To — Mrs. F. E. Pomeroy, Minneapolis, Minn.

You will be glad to learn that you are relieved from the duty of finding a stenographer for our Annual Meeting, also for some one to take charge of our leaflets. We have decided to take our own stenographer, our good Mrs. Emily Baker. We feel it is not wise to delay the decision, so we concluded we would be on the safe side and take hers. Will you try to secure accommodations for her without charge?

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1886, May 14, To - Rev. A. F. Schauffler, New York, N.Y.
Can you help us again? We want an efficient, practical shoemaker. One who, strange to say, can make a shoe. One who can teach Indian boys at Sitka, Alaska, to do it. Of course, a Christian, a Protestant is required, and probably the Board of Home Missions will want him to be a Presbyterian. If you know of anyone who might serve, please let him call here at our office and ask for Mrs. D.E. Finks. I am about to leave for Minneapolis.
Signed by Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secy.

1886 - May 14 - Mrs. A. E. Austin, Sitka, Alaska.
Many thanks for the nice supply of logs which have just come in time to take to the General Assembly. We have tied them with ribbons, and marked them ready for sale. They are in great demand and sell all the more readily because the Sitka boys prepare them. Please thank your boys and let them know they are helping the good cause along.
Signed Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
per N. V. Finks.

1886, May 15 - To - Edward Jenkins, Printers, New York
Please express to Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, C/o Rev. R. Sample, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minn. 500 copies each of leaflets by Mrs. D. Stuart Dodge, which you are now printing.
Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1886, May 17, To - F. P. Sanders, Wilmington, No. Car.
We were quite surprised to receive a gift from Atlantic Synod, and I find it is the largest sum yet received from this Synod. You have cause to feel encouraged for we generally think that as the interest in societies increases the funds also increase. We also received in the same mail $6.50 from a new church in Florida, only organized three months, and where every member of the church is also a member of the Missionary society.

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1886, May 29, To - Mrs. A.R. Burns, Bradford, Pa.

On April 10th, when our books closed for the fiscal year we did not wish to carry the debt into the account of the new year, and therefore borrowed $3,193.04 from the general fund to cancel it entirely. The debt had been paid by special gifts for it with the exception of the above sum. Therefore, when we receive contributions designated especially for the "debt" we publish the gift under that heading and pay it back into the "general fund." There remains yet to be paid $2,369.45

(written by Florence E. Eaton for Mrs. Boyd)

1886— June

1886, June 9— To Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C.

Did you reach home in safety and on time Saturday? My return was accomplished without anything of note. Monday found me in the office as usual. (Many matters) await the action of our committee and Board, Do you think best to have our regular meeting on Tuesday, June 15th, and if so, could you come? If not had we better postpone for another week?

Signed by Mrs. C. E. Walker

1886, June 9— To Mrs. Peyton Harrison, 90 Read Street, Baltimore, Md.

Upon my return from the Annual Meeting I find two letters from you awaiting reply. You asked for Mrs. McFarland to address your meeting, and I find that I directed you to send letters to her. As to "some one else", I could only suggest some member of our committee. None of our teachers are coming east. Owing to the expense we decided not to send for anyone to attend the Annual Meeting and therefore have no one to offer now in this part of the country. The needs of our work for this year are very urgent. I came away from the General Assembly heart-full! We met the various Superintendents of Mission Schools at Minneapolis and listened to their earnest words until "our hearts burned within us" with longing to do more and faster than ever before. We must raise $10,000.— immediately for school buildings and far more later on.

Signed, Mrs C. E. Walker

1886, June 11, Mrs. K. L. Malone, Newark, Delaware.

At the meeting of the Synodical Committees for the election of officers of the Executive Committee for the coming year, an advance of 20 per cent in contributions was most enthusiastically voted. After conference with Mrs. Haines and Mrs. D. C. Finks, the latter our newly elected Corresponding Secretary it is decided that the time between June 19 and 28 can be devoted to promoting the work in Delaware. Mrs. Finks, until recently of Denver, Colorado, has rendered valuable aid in our office for several months, and has been chosen to assist you in working up the cause of Home Missions in your presbytery. You will find her quite equal to this work. Your plan to have some of your ladies go with her from point to point is admirable and will be helpful in various ways.

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1886, June 11 — To Mrs. L. D. Wetmore, Warren, Penna.

After our Annual Meeting at Minneapolis, Minn., I accompanied Mrs. James, our new President to the Sisseton Agency, Dakota, to visit this Indian School under the charge of Mr. Morris. I can heartily endorse any appeal Mrs. Bryan will make for the needs of this school. The only wonder to me while there was how the workers had been able to accomplish so much, and to endure so patiently all the privations and inconveniences to which they have been subjected.

—written by Mrs. L. E. Walker

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Excerpts from letters Woman's Ex. Comtee

1886 - Nov. 8 - To Mrs. M. M. Green, Gunnison, Utah. from Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Secy.

Fearing you do not quite understand the scholarship plan, I enclose a statement. You do not receive the scholarship money directly, but it will be remitted in the quarterly payments that the treasurer of our Board sends for the current expenses of your school. The society contributing the money for a scholarship receives letters semi-annually from your school to keep its members informed regarding the pupil supported and the school.

1886 - Nov. 9 - To Mrs. I. S. Milliken, Malcom, Iowa, from Mrs. C. E. Walker, Secy.

I enclose a sample of our new collection envelope. These envelopes are are imprinted with the months of the year, and come in packets of twelve, or one for each month. The idea is to give a packet to each member for her monthly offering to the missionary society. How many packets do you need. There is no charge but postage.

1886, Nov. 9th, To - Miss Mamie F. Huber, 2224 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky. -
from Mrs. C. E. Walker, Secy.

The enclosed leaflet shows that we have fifty dollar scholarships in but three Indian Training Schools. I propose that you take a scholarship in the school under the care of Mr. W. K. Morris at Sisseton Agency, Dakota. I visited that school last spring and came away deeply interested in the work and the workers who are certainly faithful and efficient. The new principal sent there last summer, Miss White, is a rare woman, working with her whole heart. At present we need new buildings there. The home for the girls was erected last year and funds for the boys' home are now being secured in the societies of Pennsylvania.

I am very glad to assign to you the scholarship No. 2, for "Mary Walk" aged seventeen. She attended our Annual Meeting at Minneapolis. Very modest in appearance, she came before us as interpreter for two Christian Indian women who came from Sisseton to attend our meeting. One of these her mother whose English name is "Red Walking Talker" greatly interested all who heard her. Both women in greeting the Woman's Executive committee used the expression: "Shake hands with you all in my heart." Mary Walk is a sincere Christian girl.

1886, Nov. 10, To - Mrs. T. Hough, 51 University Avenue, Syracuse, N.Y.
from Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treasurer

By the act of the last General Assembly, the various publications of the Presbyterian Church are to be consolidated, and thus, the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" will after January first be discontinued in its present form. This action left the Woman's Executive Committee without any medium of communication between its various societies, and the necessity of a separate publication was apparent. This new magazine,

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the "Home Mission Monthly" will be supplied to the subscribers of the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" during the remainder of the time for which they subscribed, if they so desire.

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1886, Nov. 10 — To Mrs. D. L. Case, N. Lansing, Mich. — From Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy.

The consolidated magazine includes the "Presbyterian Home Missionary", the "Foreign Missionary" and the "Record." It does not include the "Woman's Work for Woman and Our Mission Field" which is the organ of the Woman's Foreign Societies of the Presbyterian Church. The "Home Mission Monthly," the new magazine published by the Woman's Executive Committee, bears the same relation to the home mission work, that "Woman's Work for Woman" does to the foreign work. The decision at the General Assembly did not affect or include this publication of the Woman's Foreign Mission Boards, nor did it in any wise interfere with the publication of the "Home Mission Monthly", the organ of the Woman's Executive Committee.

1886, Nov. 10, — To — Miss Eva Rupert, Bloomsburgh, Penna — From Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy.

We were delighted with that "club" sent to us from Bloomsburgh, and now, Miss Rupert, I want your assistance and influence in securing one person in each of the different churches in your presbytery to canvass for subscribers for our magazine. An effort of this kind is being made quite widely, and with marked success. To put our magazine on a strong basis of self support at once we need the immediate aid of all our friends.

1886, Nov. 10 — To Mrs. H. C. Doll, 616 Stout St., Denver, Colo, from Mrs. D. E. Finks.

How I should love to meet the Denver ladies, and tell them of the work being done by the Woman's Executive Committee, and which I now understand so much better after my experience at headquarters during the last few months. It is indeed a grand and beautiful work which should thrill every Christian heart with desire to help.

You kindly inquire about Mr. Finks and Dora. I am glad to assure you that Mr. Finks continues to improve, though slowly. The doctor does not think him able to take up any work as yet. Indeed, he has told me that if Mr. Finks had not left his work just as he did, he would probably have been unfitted entirely for any future work: indeed, would probably not have lived very long. As it is, God in His merciful kindness warned him in time, so now, we have great courage for the future.

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Excerpts from letters of Womans Ex. Comtee

1886, Nov. 12 — To — Miss Mary Holmes, Rockford, Illinois. From Mrs. Chas E. Walker, Secy

I do not have time to look up the amount of receipts on our treasurer's books from your society. I know you have assumed one salary among the Freedmen as well as one at Albuquerque.

The need for increased contributions is exceedingly urgent. I fear our work will suffer this year unless the twenty per cent increase, voted by the Synodical Committees at the Annual Meeting at Minneapolis is made.

The great blow our work at Albuquerque has received through Romish, or more correctly speaking Jesuit influences, will limit our school numbers greatly. With all possible speed we are pushing the temporary building in which our workers must gather this winter. The slowness with which the funds for the Albuquerque Buildings are coming in delays the work greatly. We fear sometimes that permanent injury has been done.

1886, Nov. 12, To — Mrs. E. S. Reid, 2013 Prairie Home, Chicago, Ills. — From Mrs. C. E. Walker.

The amount required to build another cottage at Muscogee will be two thousand dollars, but our Board will not allow the erection of another cottage there until the money for the buildings named on the encloded leaflet is secured.

This leaflet includes the estimate for the building required at Albuquerque, New Mexico. To date we have a little over $3000. for the Albuquerque building and our work there is suffering serious loss and hindrance. Temporary wooden buildings are being constructed that later will serve for shops and out-buildings but money comes in so slowly that this is the best we can do at present.

Our work, a day school only, among the Papagoes is located nine miles from Tucson: the Pima Reservation is seventeen miles from Casa Grande, a station farther west than Tucson, on the Southern Pacific Railroad. Our new Industrial School is to be located at Tucson, and the money for it is being raised by the women of the Philadelphia Presbyterial Societies

1886, Nov. 10, To — Miss Emma Powell, Cochranton, Penna. — From Mrs. D. E. Penka.

As you did not proceed at once to your assignment when information was first sent, and hearing nothing from you for a full month, the vacancy was filled by another, a young lady on the field already will take the school at Richmond, Utah. Mr. Martin is the Synodical Missionary in charge, and Dr. McNiece is the pastor at Salt Lake City.

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1886, Nov. 12, To-Rev. J. Burkhardt, Corfu, New York. - From Mrs. C. E. Walker, Secy
In response to your letter of November sixth, we propose to your ladies, our Mission School at Las Vegas, New Mexico, for Mexican children, under the care of Miss Speakman, one of our finest workers. The Jesuit opposition has become so strong there, that in self-defense, we are compelled to open a boarding department in connection with our day school. Having a fine mission property there, this can be done readily, although we are in great need of $1200.+ for necessary repairs, and furniture for the rooms for these pupils. Fourteen promising, Mexican lads are anxiously waiting an opportunity to enter this department. If we do not receive them soon, the Jesuit College will take care of them. This must be avoided if possible.

1886_Nov. 12_ To - Mrs. Charles L. Bailey, 31 So. Front St, Harrisburg, Pa. From Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.
As we keep a separate account for each teacher and school it is very important that the special objects for all money remitted should be carefully designated each time that money is sent.
Miss DeGraffe's salary is $450.= per year. We pay her quarterly.
Last May we received 154.= for this salary.
When our treasury is low we pay the teachers, for whom the societies have remitted the quarterly amount. After this has been done, the balance of salaries due is met from the General Fund as far as possible. In like manner, current expenses are paid in the schools where scholarships are pledged and promptly paid.

1886, Nov. 12_ To-Mrs. E. W. Maltoon, 418 Walbridge Ave., Toledo, Ohio, From Mrs C. E. Walker
Miss Ufford has a school among the "poor whites" to which your Band may send cards and papers. Address, Miss F. E. Ufford, Whitehall Seminary, Concord, N. Carolina.

1886, Nov. 13,_ To - Mr. C. G. Blatchley, 308 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa., From Mrs. C. E. Walker
Miss Alice Hyson writes that she has no promise of a Christmas box this year for her mission school. Knowing the interest of your Sabbath School in her work, I am making application to you for her. She is proving so faithful and efficient, and her school has grown so that we are doing what we can to secure an additional room and an assistant teacher as soon as possible.
There will be from eighty to one hundred pupils to provide with Christmas gifts. A few over one half are boys ranging from six or seven to eighteen years of age. Rev. Mr. Curtis, our home missionary for Taos Valley, writes enthusiastically of Miss Hyson's work. I think you may be glad that your Sunday school is doing a work of such good results. Christmas gifts may be simple and inexpensive: such as, handkerchiefs, collars, neck-ties, knives, aprons, pictures, scrap-books, pencils, crayons, balls, dolls, ribbons, transparent slates or anything you may suggest. Please let me hear from you soon about this.

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1886, Nov. 13 — To — Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, Colorado Springs, Colo.

In October the Board sent seventy-five dollars for needed improvments at Pajarito. Mr. Eaton tells me that Mr. Perea writes that he needs three hundred dollars and suggests that I ask your advice as to what amount to appropriate for the building there. Mrs. Winters writes that the schoolroom is so small, her attendance at school so large, and the air so impure that she suffers from lack of room. The children are of so many grades that she is compelled to hear sixty-two lessons per day, and needs assistance until April first. She proposes hiring David J. Metzgar, a poor Mexican boy, but good, and capable of hearing the small children. She asks for a commission for him and leaves us to determin the amount he should receive. Mr. Eaton tells me that fifteen dollars per month has been granted for similar cases. Mrs. Winters writes that this boy's father has done more for the Pajarito school than any other person there. At the close of Mr. Perea's letter he states briefly: "My horse died and I am on foot with nearly 2000 miles to travel for the year." I mentioned this to Mr. Eaton and he said he would help him to fifty dollars towards the purchase of another horse, as a gift from a generous friend of the work which is to be distributed in fifty dollar sums where greatly needed among our missionaries.

We hope this week to secure permission for Miss Allison to receive twenty pupils in her school at Santa Fé. The Executive Committee heartily approve but to date the Board have failed to consent.

Miss Allison writes that she must leave Santa Cruz in December, and inquires anxiously whether the school will be abandoned at that time. The Secretaries say: "We hope not," and direct me to ask you if Mrs. Marshall could take the school for the balance of the year. Do you advise this? Is it the place to send a young inexperienced teacher alone?

About Isleta: Have you visited that Pueblo yet? Do you advise retaining Mr. Hawley there? Mrs. Hawley reports 100 children in the school.

Let me have anything encouraging that you can say about Albuquerque. I am beset on all sides, and so perplexed as to the correct and wise things to say.

Will the right man for Mora, New Mexico, ever be found? I agree with you fully that every matron should come to New York and remain some days before going to the field, that she may receive thorough instructions, and that we may be able to judge her ability as far as we can judge in such a matter.

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1886, Nov. 15, To— Rev. J. A. Whitaker, Frostburg, Md.
A message has just been delivered giving the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Haines this morning.

1886, Nov. 18, To — Rev. L. N. Dorey, New Hartford, New York.
Upon searching my books I find we have received no contribution from the New Hartford Society this year, in fact no contribution of exactly $12.00 from any society in Utica Presbytery. Your treasurer probably forwarded the amount to the presbyterial treasurer who may have sent it to the synodical treasurer who may now have the money. There will be no synodical treasurer after this year, and consequently less delay in forwarding money for special objects. Some time may elapse before presbyterial treasurers are accustomed to this new method.
Money is always used for the object specified. If the object does not meet with the approval of the Woman's Executive Committee the money is returned or held subject to the desire of the party making the contribution. Our treasurer, Mr. Eaton, would like to know of an instance where the Board has exercised excretionary powers and withheld money.

1886, Nov. 16, To— Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D., Salt Lake City, Utah. — From Mrs. D. E. Finks.
My department of work includes correspondence with those who apply for positions as missionary teachers; securing their credentials and when they have been appointed by the Board, my relation with them ceases and future correspondence regarding their wants on the field is conducted by Mrs. Walker. I also have the Sunday school correspondence, and in addition the new magazine has been committed to my care. This last department of work takes the most of my time, and would take all if it were not for the great need of help in other ways.
I quite share your opinion that it is better to strengthen important points than to spread out the work so much that effectiveness is lost. But I am certain that there has been no disposition on the part of the Executive Committee to place their workers in uncomfortable quarters or to take up work that has not been urged upon them by presbytery and the Synodical Missionaries. I have been in the Committee in my present capacity a short time comparitively, but the sentiment of its members has been quite adverse to that implied in your letter, as far as my knowledge extends.

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1886, Nov. 16 — Continued — Letter to Dr. M. Niece from Mrs. Finks.

I have a very sad communication to make. Our dear Mrs. Haines passed away last Monday, and we laid her body to rest on Wednesday. We are saddened beyond the power of words to express, but in the midst of our grief the thought of her wonderfully complete life, rounded to the full with usefulness, is a comfort. She has not been well all summer, and sank to rest quietly and gently as a child.

You speak of your need of rest. I hope you will be wise to take it before you break, though I do not see how you can be spared from the work. My husband made the mistake of clinging to his work too long, having been in the most active Home Missionary service in Colorado for thirteen years, and suddenly broke down. It is almost a year now since he was laid aside, and though improved very much, the doctor says he cannot undertake active work for some months.

I wish you would furnish helpful items regarding the work in Utah for use in the Home Mission Monthly which, by the way, is meeting with the most gratifying reception.

1886, Nov. 19, To — Mrs. W. C. Roberts, Lake Forest, Illinois, from Mrs. D. E. Finks.

You have doubtless heard of the great loss which the Woman's Executive Committee has sustained in the death of dear Mrs. Haines.

At a called meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to make the January issue of the Home Mission Monthly largely a memorial number, and there seemed but one desire when it was proposed that you and Dr. Roberts be asked to prepare some account of her life. It was felt that Dr. Roberts, having been her pastor for so long a time, and your familiar association and intimate relations made it very desirable that you should be asked to grant us this favor. I remember that on one occasion Dr. Roberts spoke of her early connection with the work of foreign missions. I think he said she was the first to organize for foreign missions in the Presbyterian Church. We particularly desire that this phase of her work be brought out, and that prominence be given to her connection with both Home and Foreign Mission work from its incipiency. I cannot tell you how much you are missed. I hope you will continue to serve on the editorial committee and will send matter from your own pen, and secure as much as you can from Dr. Roberts. You can be a great help in giving suggestive hints and new methods for work as you pick them up from various sources. Please use your scissors vigorously also, in the interest of the magazine. The new magazine was one of the last things Mrs. Haines had on her heart before she left, and she had much satisfaction in seeing it well under way.

1886, Nov. 19, To— Rev. J. F. Jemison, Catonsville, Md.— From Mrs. D. E. Finks, Secy
The Presbyterian Home Missionary will cease to exist with the present issue.
The Home Mission Monthly will in a sense take its place, and will be hereafter the only strictly Home Missionary publication in our Presbyterian Church.

1886, Nov. 22, To— Miss Kate McPheeters, Parsons, Kansas. From Mrs. D E. Finks, Secy.
With regard to your returning to Nephi, Utah, if a third teacher be added there another salary would be added, and we would have difficulty securing the consent of the School Committee to add anything to the expenses of our Executive Committee. Present conditions of the finances do not warrant any outlay which can possibly be avoided. We must not get into debt again, and we have grave apprehensions that such might be the case without most watchful care.

1886, Nov. 24, To— Mrs. Darwin R. James, Washington, D.C.—. From Mrs. C. E. Walker.
Yours of the twenty-second just received. I have written Miss Sunderland about the Synodical society assuming some special building fund and await her answer.
If societies will bear patiently with me a little longer I hope to be very prompt, but I cannot get my work up-to-date for at least another month. As it is, I am constantly being assured of increased satisfaction with the office work.
I will write Mrs. Wright at once confirming your suggestion regarding the Las Vegas building fund. Please do not promise to have rooms named or letters written yet-by. Our teachers consider the salary and scholarship letters to be a great burden, and I am told the naming of rooms causes dissatisfaction, as changes in teachers leads to losing sight of donors and the promises made to them. No action has been taken authorizing the naming of rooms and my experience leads me to conclude that it is unnecessary to make such a promise. Let us not complicate the "Special Object" work.
If the Washington City Presbyterial Society would undertake the support of Miss Ella McDonald at Ogden, Utah, I would be very glad. Shall I hold her name for that society for a few days? I am asking for salaries and Ogden is an important point needing more interest in its behalf at once.
I proposed to Baltimore Synodical Society as special work $800.= for Mora, New Mexico or $750.= for Mendon, Utah. You advised, "not large sums." Nothing has been given yet for either of these buildings.
One other matter: I find the gentlemen fear we are unwise to add fourteen new members to our Executive Committee at once. Both Mrs. Finks and myself fear it may lead to complications. The number of synodical officers is not limited, and New York and New Jersey can make the number very large at any time and also very detrimental if the choice made is unwise. The step is too grave to be taken hastily. Will you permit me to notify for the next

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1886. Nov. 24— Letter from Mrs. C. E. Walker to Mrs. James.
(Continued)— meeting a few of the Synodical Officers only, Then have a conference with Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Brownell and others of the old committee before we take further steps. For instance, I would notify Mrs. Niven, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Grier of New York, and Mrs. Hodgman and Mrs. Beaumont of New Jersey. I think we may expect Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Brownell and Mrs. John Sinclair to be present usually. Mrs. Sinclair was in yesterday. She grows stronger all the time. If this does not meet your approval, I will obey orders and notify all according to your wish and that of Mrs. Haines. My only desire is to further the work, not hamper it. Dear Mrs. James, will you pray for me especially, day by day? I feel ~~my great need of this~~. I feel my great need of this. Pray that wisdom, strength, faith and patience may be given me from hour to hour according to my needs. I miss Mrs. Haines so at every turn, for I knew I could seek council whenever I needed it.

1886, Nov 24, To— Mrs. H. D. Gregory, Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa. (Mrs. C. E. Walker)
The figures are as follows: The Government School building at Albuquerque, New Mexico, cost $29,000. The Public School building at Tucson $50,000. We ask for $10,000.= only for Industrial School buildings! Our agricultural land at Tucson costs us $2,000.— for forty acres, has claim to first water right on irrigating ditch. Our land for buildings, seventeen acres, in city limits, costs us one dollar per year from the City Council.

1886, Nov. 22, To— Eliza Dickson, Clark, Mercer Co., Pa.,— From Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.
If you will write to Mrs. C. E. Coulter, Pittsburgh, Penna., who is Secretary of the Department of Missions for Freedmen, she will give the information you wish. I do not know the amount required to furnish a room at Mary Allen Seminary.

1886, Nov. 24, To — Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer, 218 W. 8^th St, Erie, Pa. (From Mrs. C. E. Walker)

For definite facts regarding the needs at Sisseton, So. Dak., in the way of buildings, I refer you to Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna., who has been preparing a leaflet on the subject, and has been in correspondence with Mrs Morris to secure accurate information. I can tell you we have eight workers at Sisseton, and an attendance of at least 70 pupils, possibly 100 by this time, though I cannot see how so many are accommodated. The school is in a very prosperous condition idspite of lack of room and inconveniences. We have a noble band of workers. Miss White, principal of the school is a rare woman. Mr. Morris is Superintendent; his wife assists and also is doing a good work among the Indian women helping to direct their household affairs and cutting patterns for their clothing. Mr. Smith directs the boys industrial work indoors and out; Mrs. Smith has charge of the boys' home, assisted by Miss Ada Patterson. Miss Grace Livingston is responsible for the care of the girls' home. When thinking of the mental, moral and physical training of these Indian children that are combined in the home, the school, the work-shop and the church, you can realize the responsibility and untiring service resting on these leaders. — Mrs. Smith mentioned the need for home made stockings. Machine made stockings do not wear any length of time and the amount of darning teachers and pupils are obliged to do is appalling.

1886, Nov. 24 — To Miss Anna M. Cook, Caldwell, Newjersey, (From Mrs. C. E. Walker)

These Christmas boxes convey encouragement to both teachers and pupils. Parents are brought into contact with the schools and teachers through the Christmas entertainment when they would not think of visiting them at any other time; and some are won by this contact who would not allow their children to become our pupils.

1886, Nov. 24, To — (Miss A. Wilson, Easton, Pa. (From Mrs. C. E. Walker)

Yes, the school at Albuquerque, New Mexico, continues in operation though somewhat crippled temporarily by our removal from the Government buildings. We are now in temporary quarters, and just opening for the winter with 60 pupils — 30 boys and 30 girls. If our quarters permit, we shall have 100 pupils by January first.

1886, Nov. 24— To Mrs. J. C. Copeland, Rochester, New York. (From Mrs. C. E. Walker.)
I beg your pardon for the delay in answering your inquiry regarding our Indian school at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Conditions were in such a state of transition there that we could give no definite information, although we hoped from day to day that the Department in Washington, D.C., would take some definite action that would enable us to write fully to our societies regarding the situation. The matter has just been decided, and you will rejoice with us in knowing that we retain all of our pupils at the school as here-to-fore. We open school late this fall because of the delay in securing enough funds to erect the new buildings. We have been forced to erect temporary buildings that later will be used in our work for practical purposes. Prof. Bryan writes that he will open December first with sixty pupils.

1886, Nov. 24, To— Prof W. B. Robe, Wheelock, Indian Territory, (From Mrs. C. E. Walker.)
We are glad your school is progressing so well, and that new recruits are taking the places of pupils who have been passed on to other schools! I see very good reports regarding the Indian girls sent to Park College, Missouri.
Your letter notifying us of the purchase of the Mason and Hamlin Organ for $69.50 was received. We are glad you chose that make. Did you use for the purchase funds that will be needed for some other purpose later? In that case I should secure the amount from some society. If not, the matter can rest as it is. I ask because I do not want you embarrassed later on, by failing to make this appeal. I do not understand clearly how far you can apply the funds you receive from the Nation for such purchases.

1886, Nov. 26,— To Mrs. J. M. Shields, Orrville, Ohio, (From Mrs. D. E. Finks)
I have much pleasure in sending copies of our magazine for distribution. I hope you will make a strong plea for the magazine. We desire that one woman in each church will undertake to canvass for subscriptions. This is being done in some places with marked success. We have put the price so low that we must depend upon the interest and kindness of the workers throughout our societies to make the lists of subscribers as large as they should be, to place the magazine at once on a sound financial basis. We must make "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether." Subscriptions are coming in fast, but we have need of the aid of all our workers and friends. Hosts of letters reach us also, from prominent workers, clergymen and others speaking in terms of warmest praise.

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1886, Nov. 26, — Miss L. V. Marshall, 1100 Jefferson Ave, Detroit, Mich. (From Mrs. D. E. Finks)

Mr. O. B. Eaton has handed me your letter containing subscriptions for the "Presbyterian Home Missionary." This magazine, so dear to its many readers is to be published no longer, but will be discontinued with the December number just issued. The "Home Mission Monthly", the new magazine, published by the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions will take its place as the only strictly home missionary magazine in the Presbyterian Church. I send you sample copies, and trust that you do as many former subscribers of the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" have done: transfer your subscriptions to the new periodical.

1886, Nov. 26, — To — Mrs. M. L. Roberts, Leland Hotel, Chicago, Ills. (From Mrs. D. E. Finks)

I am relieved much to know that you have kindly consented to prepare the desired article. Rev. Dr. Cuthbert Hall has consented to give the substance of his remarks at the funeral. The tribute, though brief, was peculiarly fitting and beautiful. Mrs. Walker was appointed to prepare the Resolutions and action was taken with much deep feeling and hearty expressions of approval that — (I will copy from the Minutes.)

A motion was made and carried that we beg Dr. and Mrs. Roberts to prepare a memorial article concerning Mrs. Haines. We feel that we come to them very soon after their departure, for help, but this matter is so important that none of the committee feel like undertaking it. Dr. Roberts having been her pastor for so many years, and having been so intimately connected with her in Home Mission work, together with Mrs. Roberts' long continued and intimate acquaintance, we feel that they are the proper persons to prepare the desired account of her work as an organizer, as well as concerning her strong personal traits.

In an informal talk it was manifestly the wish of the committee that a full account be given of the early history of her relations to both Home and Foreign Missions. As the Resolutions are not yet in shape to send, and as the intent was that they should appear in connection with a few words from Mrs. Walker, I have not enclosed them.

I send the December "Home Mission Monthly" to you today. I am sore tried by the printer. The type work is better in this number, but it is at the expense of a want of care elsewhere. I read through the proof of the dummy and marked all the poor letters to "take out" and in the process of taking out and substituting more perfect letters the construction has been marred and in two or three places the form of the sentence changed. I hope these mistakes will not be observable to the general reader but they stare me in the face in a painful manner.

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1886, Nov. 27 — To Mrs D. R. James, 1412 I St, Washington, D.C., (From Mrs. C. E. Walker)
In the light of the statement of 1886, all Synodical Officers have the right to attend and to vote at our meetings. So far then our way is clear and our action sound, and I stand ready to abide by it. But I have a very urgent request to make, my dear Mrs. James, upon other grounds. Will you plan, if possible, to come here on Monday, December 6th, early enough to have a conference that evening with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Eaton, Mrs. Finka, Mrs. Ham and myself? I will be happy to have you take dinner and spend the night with me, and all can meet there, at 166 DeKalb Avenue, in the evening. I make this request for conference at Mr. Boyd's suggestion. Mr. Eaton thinks this conference important because a grave matter will come before us the next day.
The Board of Home Missions refuses to allow the work in Tennessee among the "poor whites," even that for which money is pledged, and the School committee, or at least, Dr. Phraner and Mr. Joy are directed to report this to us. As new members of the Committee are to be with us we must have our minds clear upon the committee before we meet on Tuesday.
Our requests for Antonita, Pajarito, Santa Fé, Wellsville and Park Hill were all granted, however.
Shall our Prayer Meeting on December 7th, be largely of a memorial nature? Doubtless it will be so naturally. Do you lead the meeting? I hope so. Have you directions for arranging it?

1886, Nov 27 — To Mrs. W. C. Roberts, Leland Hotel, Chicago, Ills (From Mrs. C. E. Walker)
I have worked side by side with dear Mrs. Haines so long, loved, reverenced her so, I can hardly endure to work without her. And yet the manner in which she gave her work into my hands last spring so largely, doing it so lovingly and willingly, makes it seem a precious and sacred trust now. Dear Mrs. Roberts, pray for <u>me</u> especially.
Mrs. Finka tells me that you are to meet the ladies of the Fourth Church soon. I am so glad. They have but just organized, but are full of enthusiasm. They have promised to take a salary in New Mexico and I have promised to give them either Isleta for Indian work, or Salazar for Mexican. Miss D. M. Hills is at Salazar, and a bright teacher, from all I learn.

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Continued – Letter to Mrs. Roberts from Mrs. Walker

1886, Nov. 27 — Our Board has just granted Miss Allison, Santa Fe', N. Mex, the long promised permission to take 20 girls into the home. Miss Fleming is the third teacher; Miss Allison and Miss Carpenter the others. I would be very glad if the Fourth Church Society would take Miss Fleming's salary. Miss Coe.– The school is for Mexican girls. Will you talk up New Mexico & Dr. Roberts can post you fully.
I write this at home after eleven p.m. as I could not get a moment's time earlier, and am too tired to use my pen properly.

1886, Nov. 27 – To Mrs. S.S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna., from Mrs. L.E. Walker, Secy
The saddest look the Executive Committee can sustain has come upon us. Our dear Mrs. Haines has fallen on sleep. Her death was as placeful as her life. To us has fallen a rich legacy, the fruit of her labors, upon a wider work, increased activity, graver responsibility. Words cannot express my personal loss in the work and out of it.
But my dear friend, no time is given me for thought or mourning now. I must be at my work more diligently than ever.
The Board consented to commission an assistant teacher to Antonito, Colorado.. When I know the name of the teacher I will notify Erie Presbyterial Society all is paid at Antonito, house and furniture in full. I am helping to direct Pennsylvania funds to Sisseton. Do you want Miss Mate's salary to be paid in Pennsylvania? Mrs. Russel Sage wants her for Dr. Paxton's church in New York, but I told her I had promised her to you. She is our best worker at Sisseton, a grand woman in every way. We have eight workers at Sisseton now, and they are clamoring for more, and have only 65 or 70 pupils. Mr. Morris is Superintendent over all; Mrs. Morris among the women. Miss White is Principal of the school, Miss Kyslop Assistant, Mrs. Smith matron of Boys' Home, Miss Patterson, Assistant, Miss Livingston, Matron of Girls' Home, the Assistant in this home is a vacancy to be filled. Mr. Smith teaches carpenter work and shoe making to the boys. The same number of workers might care for 40 or 50 more pupils, but we lack the room now. I think too that these 65 boys and girls cannot be taught all that we and the Government require with a smaller force. Thus far $693.92 has come from Pennsylvania for Sisseton and $431.22 from other sources since last March. The total is $1125.14. Do not hope for anything from Indiana where the Mary Allen Memorial (Freedmen) is sweeping in all surplus. Some places in Ohio and the Sunday School of Dr. Paxton's Church of New York will help Sisseton.
Our figures and the Board's Report will not agree as long as some money goes to the Board, some to us, some direct to the field, and some has to be transfered in six or less months because of irregular specials misunderstood by us.

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1886, Nov. 27, To— Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Colorado Springs, Colo. (From Mrs. C.E. Walker).

I give you some satisfactory items.

First— To Antonita, an assistant teacher is granted, Miss Barlow.

Second— Pajarito, Mrs. Winter's request for a Mexican boy to assist her until April first is granted, and the amount to purchase the room also.

Third— Miss Allison is allowed to take 20 pupils in her home.

Fourth— Mr. Hawley's commission at Isleta, expired October 1886, and will not be renewed.

The Board must have some correspondence with him before his place is filled. If he is not recommissioned, we must ask Mrs. Hawley to resign. Her commission continues to April 1887. We are looking for new teachers for Isleta. Do you not think it is the duty of the Session of Mr. Menaul's Church to deal with Mr. Hawley? A Mr. Brown wrote to me from Albuquerque enclosing clippings from Albuquerque papers that referred to Mr. Hawley's standing in the Church being unimpeached— I think that was the term.

Fifth— The Executive Committee approve the acceptance of girls as well as boys at the Las Vegas School, if it be carefully arranged. Mrs. Finks is to write for Mrs. Frye papers that she may be regularly commissioned. We feel that your approval is sufficient, but must have all the documents before a formal commission can be sent on. × × It is well always to place workers together who are mutually pleased, other things being satisfactory.

We are hoping to get permission to purchase iron bedsteads for Albuquerque, Tucson, Las Vegas and Mora.

We have a young man and wife in view for Zuni, who could be sent to Mora but the Board would not listen because it would add one new salary. As the matter stands, we are allowed three commissioned workers for the school. Two teachers and a matron. To send Mr. and Mrs. Dilley would give us four. We women think four should be there, and are really needed. What do you think?

We have no one yet for Dr. Roberts' place. We are left lonely, and crippled, indeed!

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1886, Nov. 30th To Mrs. J. R. Hawley, Isleta via Albuquerque, N.M. From Mrs. L. E. Walker,

Your letter about Christmas supplies occasioned some surprise.
We were not aware that you had 100 pupils in your school, and found upon inquiry that all reports and knowledge of your work were very meagre. I am directed to write you for some facts regarding your school and all mission work you are doing. Will you give me the date of opening the school this fall? The number of pupils attending at first, and the present number? Also the exact date when you closed the school this summer. We wish to know your plans for mission work outside the schoolroom. Do you find easy access to the homes of the Indian women and can you tell them intelligibly the old, old story of the Cross? Do you find it difficult to teach them better, cleanlier habits, and have you tried this faithfully? Letters of inquiry come to us on all these subjects and we must learn just the amount of work that is being done. Mr. Hawley's letters of last winter and spring about his difficulties led us to feel that he was faithfully striving to do his duty as a missionary teacher.
From recent letters, newspaper clippings etc., from friends and strangers, we are led to doubt this and must make these and other inquiries. We do this with pain, greatly regretting the necessity. But the cause of Christ must not suffer at our hands, nor those professing to be His followers and under commission as teachers of Bible truth be allowed to bring reproach upon the work we are trying to do.
Strong statements are made impeaching Mr. Hawley's Christian character. We shall be very thankful if they can be disproved.
We are told that Mr. Hawley's time last winter and spring was not faithfully devoted to the work for which he was commissioned and paid. That he left Isleta in early spring, went to Albuquerque, engaged in housebuilding and other business, leaving Mrs. Hawley to carry on at Isleta until school closed for the summer vacation. That he absented himself from church all summer, and engaged in business on the Sabbath as on other days, selling ice cream from house to house a part of the time. That he rented the houses he built to women of vile character for base purposes. Can this be possible?
That these are facts well known we are informed, and have read the clippings from the Albuquerque papers with pain and indignation.
In justice to yourself and Mr. Hawley we write you fully regarding these accusations, that you may make any possible explanation and publicly and privately deny the statements as false.
Mr. Hawley's commission expired in October. Unless these charges can be wholly disproved, he cannot be recommissioned. Our missionary teachers must be not only competent in teaching, but as professing Christians they must be earnest, active, faithful workers for Christ. Their most important work is to teach Christ and His atonement to the people to whom they are sent, and in life and character must be above reproach.

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To— Mrs. Geo. S. Johnson, 1250 Garden St., Cleveland, Ohio,
from Mrs. L. E. Walker—

Although in temporary buildings Prof. Bryan, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., writes that he will have sixty boys and girls in the Mission School by December first, and as soon as he has room to receive more I do not doubt that the number will reach at least one hundred. Our permanent buildings are being pushed as rapidly as contributions from societies permit. Last winter the work at Albuquerque was most interesting and encouraging, and many of the pupils confessed Christ publicly. During the summer five boys from the Pima Agency, Arizona, united with the Albuquerque School and I do not doubt that others will do the same this winter. The prayer meetings held by the boys were very marked in the deep feeling shown and the readiness with which they would speak and pray. Frequently from twelve to fourteen would participate in one meeting.

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Excerpts from letters of Woman's Ex. Comtee

1886, Dec. 1st To — Prof. J. F. Millspaugh, Salt Lake City, Utah, from Mrs. L. E. Walker, Secy.

By order of the Woman's Executive committee, I must ask that Temperance Text Books be introduced into the Institute if possible. Their use is to be required in all of our mission schools hereafter. Our Government requires their use in all Indian or Territorial Public Schools. The books to be furnished our schools for this purpose have not been approved and acted upon but several have been suggested. Frequently, I am asked, "Is the Bible used as a text book in the Collegiate Institute?" I do not know, Will you tell me?

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1886, Dec 1st, To Miss Kate Clinton, Peekskill, N. Y. — From Mrs. L. E. Walker

I am very glad to tell you that the Woman's Executive Committee paid their debt in full last spring. Since that time we have incurred some indebtedness but no more than we are forced to do each summer, owing to the failure of societies to send in their contributions quarterly. The receipts in summer are very meagre, too much so, to enable us to pay our teachers' salaries without borrowing for the purpose. If contributions to the General Fund were as large as they should be we could draw from that to tide us over, but the General Fund is never sufficient to cover the constant demand on it for the current expenses of our schools, including supplies such as books, school furniture, stoves and the constant and essential repairs on buildings, etc. The "General Fund" is very important. It should at all times be ample to meet promptly the emergencies on the field, but it is so unpopular, and is at all time at such a low ebb, that our teachers are often forced to wait and suffer for many essentials for work until we can make special appeals for them. We are urging societies to make regular quarterly contributions to the "General Fund" when pledging for special objects.

At Richmond, Utah, our school is closed at present because the building we now occupy is too unfit for use. We were advised not to attempt to continue our school there until repairs on the old log cabin could be made, or a new building erected. We own a good lot, but the log cabin purchased with it was barely fit for winter occupancy two years ago. $1000.- is the amount needed.

In response to your desire for work for the coming year I propose a scholarship at Santa Fé. You are already interested in Miss Allison's work, and have contributed towards the new building for Santa Fé that we hope to erect during the coming year, and for which money is being held. It seems to me that your Sunday School would be interested in a scholarship at this mission. Miss Allison has been allowed hitherto only ten girls in the boarding department, but recent action of our Executive Committee and the Board of Home Missions permits her to increase the number by twenty more, when more than that number are anxiously waiting to enter there.

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1886, Dec. 3, — To — Mrs. J. S. Cook, Mora, New Mexico.

We have read all reports of the work at Mora with interest and have sympathized with you all in your efforts to struggle through the accumulation of work and uncertainties with an insufficient force. We had hoped and fully expected to have a Superintendent and Principal Teacher there long before this, but our plans have been frustrated. Do not dispair. We hope Lyod and Miss Craig will have strength and forbearance equal to the trial through our Heavenly Father's help. We are not called always "to do"; we are "to bear" much also for Christ's sake.

We are advised from several sources that you have not realized that one of your most important duties as matron requires that you be located near the pupils at night, especially does this apply to the girls. You should occupy a room so close to them that they can easily arouse you from sleep if they need help. As it seems necessary to lock their room at night, it is imperative that you be close at hand. I shudder to think what might have resulted from fire. And should any wrong conduct occur in a mixed school of this kind it would be not only sad but our work would be injured permanently. You must keep in mind constantly the depraved natures of these neglected children, ever watchful and cautious. When another worker can be sent to Mora your cares can be lessened somewhat, but as matron you will be always responsible for these children under the direction of the superintendent.

× × If the fire had gained headway in the night how frightful the results would have been, and you would have been held responsible as you were absent from the Building.

Trusting that a Superintendent will be on his way soon, and that in the meantime you will heed Mr. Phillips' advice in such matters.

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Excerpts of letters Woman's Ex. Com^tee

1886, Dec. 1st, To— Mrs. Darwin R. James. 1412 I. St., N. W., Washington, D.C, from Mrs. C. E. Walker,
Learning from your good husband that you can reach New York easily at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, Mrs. Pinks, Mr. Boyd and I concluded it would be better to hold our conference at 4 p.m. when Dr. Kendall can meet with us. Mrs. Pinks therefore wrote Mrs. Hann and the gentlemen will hold themselves in readiness to confer with us. Mr. Langdon called today to say that while Mrs. Langdon is steadily gaining strength, her physician thinks it will not be prudent for her to have a part in the meeting on Tuesday. She will write something instead, as she was so tenderly attached to Mrs. Haines the occasion would be too trying. Mrs. Crosby called and inquired when a public Memorial Service at some Church would be held.

1886, Dec. 1st To— Miss Cornelia White, Sisseton Agency, Dakota from Mrs. C. E. Walker.
You and Miss Livingston have an undoubted right to board yourselves, and I think there is no doubt that your request and Miss Livingston's to eat with the children will be granted if you consider it wise to do so. I fear, however, you are making a real sacrifice. I know the food is wholesome, or should be, it seemed so the night we saw their table, but I fear the extreme plainness and lack of variety will not be appetizing to you. One thing occurs to me. Can we not in this way arrange for your increase in salary! calling it $400. and board! The Executive Committee heartily voted you $500.— but it has not passed the Board yet. Write me about this arrangement.
One thing at Sisseton that impressed us as painfully lacking, was a meeting of the workers for prayer and conference once a week. This should be held every week on an appointed evening. It would be a bond of union, sympathy and strength, and all should participate in it. Is it so?

1886, Dec. 6, To Mrs. C. M. Parks, Logan, Utah, from Mrs. C. E. Walker
At the recent meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee I was requested to write to you and your daughter, Mrs. Shirley, that we do deeply sympathize with you in your sorrow. We have learned with the deepest sense of loss of the recent death of Rev. Mr. Parks. We feel that he has laid the foundations so wisely and so strongly that the work will continue though he is not there. He has, indeed, given his life for the cause of Missions. The loss will be felt alike by our missionaries and teachers and we mourn a true friend and loyal co-worker.

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Excerpts from letters of Woman's Executive C

1886 — Dec. 4th, To — Mrs. S. B. Brownell, 139 W. 53d St., New York, Ny, from Mrs. L. E. Wal

You may recall the decision of our Committee last spring to hold our Monthly Prayer Meeting in our Rooms. In October the absence of so many of our number prevented the first meeting, and a positive decision as to the time of the month for holding this meeting regularly. Therefore no official action could be taken until our meeting the last of November, too late for the insertion of a notice in our Magazine. We have therefore been obliged to send personal notices here and there. While it is not designed as a formal Memorial service, we all know that, naturally, our dear Mrs. Haines will be remembered most tenderly. For this reason, we are anxious that those who knew and loved her personally shall know of this meeting.

Will you speak of this devotional meting to any friends of Mrs. Haines whom you may meet and invite them to be present at three p. m. on Tuesday, November seventh?

We are very much in hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you on Tuesday morning. Some other member of the Committee will take the Minutes of the meeting. At our last meeting I was directed to write you in regard to your note of resignation, and to express the deep regret of the Committee for the necessity of excusing you from the duties of Recording Secretary, which you have so delightfully attended to in the past. Also to tell you that the Executive Committee decline to accept your resignation, but gladly give you a vacation for any length of time you deem necessary.

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1886, Dec 6th, To- Mrs. Russell Sage, Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. from Mrs. C.E. Walker Sec.
We are glad that you are successful in preparing a box for the school at Wheelock, Indian Territory. Two weeks ago there were fifty-nine pupils ~~were~~ in the school, and Mr. Robe wrote that but one more could be accommodated until the building was enlarged. These children are under sixteen years of age. We are pleased that the magic lantern is included with the gifts. If Mr. Robe has already been provided with one will you ask him to send it to Muskogee or Atoka? These magic lanterns are of real service to our schools, and we are pleased that you plan to send one.

1886, Dec. 6th - To- Mrs. L. C. Lester, Saratoga Springs, New York, from Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.
I thank you very much for your kindness in sending the list of churches contributing the sums remitted. I presume you will think I am very particular, but I must ask another question.
You mentioned $38.02 in your first statement as belonging to work for the Freedmen. Our books for the Freedmen are kept entirely separate from those pertaining to our own Executive Committee, and the money for that department is forwarded once each month to Pittsburgh, with a statement of the names of contributing societies, the amount of money from each, and the name of the special object to which the society intends to have the amount appropriated.
Also, in the reports printed in our magazine the gifts for Freedmen are acknowledged separately. Will you kindly give the names of societies contributing the $38.02 for Freedmen and the amount from each?

1886, Dec. 7th - To- Mrs. J. B. Moore, 149 James St, Syracuse, N.Y. - from Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treas.
Our Board of Home Missions is very desirous of giving each church, society and Sunday school credit due them in their Annual Report for each gift. You can see that such a report cannot be printed, unless the names of all contributing organizations accompany the money. Complaints are made to the Board each year that proper credit has not been published, and we wish to forestall all such criticism. We do not therefore wish to receive presbyterial remittances in bulk.

1886, Dec. 8th - To- Miss S. H. Higgins, 521 No. Broad St., Elizabeth, N.J., - from Mrs. M. E. Boyd Treas.
It is not necessary to forward a bill to me for expenses of Fannie Willard. Whenever money for Fannie is received, it is forwarded as a "special" to Mrs Wardell of Elizabeth in accordance with the request made to us. I have sent the sum of $50.00 to her today for Fanny.

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1886, Dec. 7— To—Miss Ida L. Boone, 550 East First St, Los Angeles, Cal., from Mrs. L. E. Walker
You will be pleased to learn that the Persis H. M. Society of the West Arch Street Church, Philadelphia, has sent a Christmas Box to your school. I hope the snow storm will not delay this and many similar boxes on their journey westward.
I am sorry to write that I know little about your school and its special needs, and hope you can find time, among your many duties, to write me. My request is not from idle curiosity, but from interest in your work for the Master.

1886, Dec. 7,— To—Mrs. L. W. Porter, Albany, New York,— from Mrs. L. E. Walker. Secy.
Since the Government opened a day school at Sitka we have none but boarding pupils, but our school is very large there and scholarships are one hundred dollars.

1886, Dec. 8,— Prof. W. B. Kelly, Sitka, Alaska, from Mrs. L. E. Walker, Secy.
My list of Sitka scholarships for girls numbers, with the addition of this last, thirty-eight. We judge this to be correct from the receipts of our treasurer. The January issue of the Home Mission Monthly will advise societies that we cannot now receive day scholarships as all day pupils at Sitka are in the Government School.
I am directed by our Executive Committee to write to you in regard to a matter that is troubling us somewhat. We know the difficulties under which you labor, as do all workers among Indians or Mexicans in a mixed school, and the unceasing watchfulness and care required to have everything proceed properly. Your vigilance is not questioned but we feel more is required. We think it is absolutely necessary to have the matron in charge of the girls' department, occupy a room adjoining the girls' dormitory; if this is not the case at Sitka now, we think it should be so hereafter. Would it be wise or practicable to have the windows fastened so that access through them to the girls' dormitory would be impossible? Would it do to have iron bars across the windows, or would that appear too much like a prison? I know you do everything possible to prevent wrong doing of all kinds; also that this untiring vigilance must be very wearing.

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280 Broadway, New York, Sept 3rd. *1886*

Mrs C. E. Walker, Care Mrs E. L. Chase, 575 Champa St, Denver, Colo.

Dear Mrs Walker:-

We are very glad that at last you are able to report that the place for the Arizona School is decided upon, and hope it will give satisfaction in Phila. and that you can make out a good case as to the need of more money as soon as possible. This letter will be rather disjointed, as I am taking up a number of yours, and sending a few words only, in regard to each special point.

We received a note yesterday morning from that farmer, Mr. Thomson, at Albuquerque, together with the recommendation given him by Mr. Bryan. He might do at Nuyarka, but Mrs Moore writes for the appointment of Mr and Mrs L-- I am not quite sure about the name. He to be the farmer, and the wife to take Miss Hull's place as nurse and general Assistant. They are old friends of the Robertsons, and Missionaries, and we think it will be as well to grant the request. This Mr. Thompson is willing to go to Alaska, but I do not see that we have a position there for him. At any rate we wait for Dr. Roberts report.

Some of your questions Mrs Finks has answered, and requests

for persons to attend Synodical and Presbyterial meetings have all been sent on to you. Mrs James wrote ten days ago, that for several reasons Mr. James thought she had better not go round on that visiting excursion. We sent you word she would be at liberty to attend meetings.

It is difficult to answer about Alice Robertson. Last accounts from her were that she would come to New York. I think that if meetings ~~that~~ you wish her to attend are not to far away, that Dr. Kendall, from what he says- will not object to her meeting any engagements you will make. I think that where the members of our Executive Committee are not especially invited to attend a meeting, that we should bear their expenses.

Mrs James and Mrs Boyd have signed the Certificates of Stock, and Mrs Baker and Miss Boyd are giving them out now as fast as possible, and she will keep a careful list of all to whom they are sent.

We cannot help it if Mrs Carpenter is making any trouble at Santa Fe; can only hope for the best from what we know of her Christian character. I wish with you that Miss Carpenter, the daughter, would resign. Mr. Boyd says that we cannot do anything about that Mission building being entirely given up to Miss Allison until it is brought before the School Committee. This Committee allowed for only ten scholars. This matter will be brought up at our meeting next Tuesday, and if possible will be hurried through.

I am sorry that you will be disappointed in regard to St George, Utah. Before your letter came it had been decided that Mrs Black-

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been should go back there;on many accounts it seemed the best
seemed wise;I could still see that Regent Street was a busy
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the printer unless you are here.

With regard to Mrs Rogers and Miss Abbie Stoops, their names are entered in the list of applications, but I do not know that they will be needed. It seems too bad about Antonita. We have brought in earnest requests for Assistant teacher there, but the last meeting of the School Committee was a small one, and not very favorable in its decisions in several cases, so we think--. We do not give up Antonita; we bring it up again another time.

About Mora. Correspondence is being had with a Mr. and Mrs Nugent, and on account of the probability that Mrs Nugent may be matron there, Mrs Cook is held back. She had a great many questions to ask, and I must say that there was some danger it might turn out like the Sisseton experience. That is the way the thing stands now. When you come back, I hope you will have an opportunity of talking over that average matter as to attendance in schools. It is certainly very unfair.

Desks for La Jahara have been granted but not ordered as yet. Mr. Boyd has been very busy, but says he will attend to it as soon as possible.

I would leave the matter "no boys at Albuquerque" until you come back to the office. Miss Whitaker is to return to be a teacher in the Indian Territory, and is therefore under our Committee, so there seems to be no reason why she should not use her to attend meetings if you wish.

Some corrections such as you suggest in the Circular, were

made before your letter reached us. A note goes to day to Miss M. Ramsay at Carlyle Ill, asking her to let you know if she can attend meetings in October.

I like your idea of having Dr. Mc Millan prepare the account of the Mormon work. Any one here could only do it at second hand.

Mr. Boyd thinks that Mr. Miller will have to have permission from the Board before preparing the rooms for those boys. If he should get more money for it, I do not see how they can object. This matter also will be brought before our Committee next Tuesday.

I will see that Mrs Murphy is notified of her appointment of Matron in case it has not been done.

I think you were right in trying to fill up the Mt Pleasant building. There seems to be two sides in regard to Miss Larson at Mt Pleasant. The conclusion was to have her try it there. There is no intention of having Miss Fleming give up her place at Santa Fe. Dr. Kendall is busy to day. I hope to see him to-morrow in regard to having Miss Allison have the full use of that mission buidling. Some of us were very much afraid that that article about Albuquerque school in the August No. P.H.M. would be nmisunderstood. A correction of it must be made; we will send word to Mrs Roberts in regard to it. Mrs Niven will send word as to date of October meeting.

It seems to me that those New Jersey people want too many speakers, and there is no use in having it so, as you know yourself. I would be very glad to help you as you may desire, if the places

are not too far away. I would not make this condition, except that Miss Alcott's health does not permit her to be away from home.

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P.S. This morning telegram has come from Mr. Nugent saying that they cannot go to Mora, so it is probable Mrs Cook will be sent on there, though the gentlemen want to confer about it first this afternoon. I hear too from Alice Robertson who feels better and asks that she may stay to Muscogee, to be Principal of the school there, and making plans which I should think might be carried out.

Yours with love

F. E. H. Hainez

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